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THE MAINE HORROR

Wounded Sailors Outspoken In Their Belief of Spanish Plot.

SIGSBEE SAYS TREACHERY

Over Two Hundred and Fifty Men Are Reported to Have Been Killed.

THEORIES ADVANCED FOR DISASTER

Officers on Board Ill Fated Battleship Tell Their Stories—All Washington Aroused—Opinions by Authorities on Cause of Tragedy.

KEY WEST, Feb. 17.—The steamship Olivette has arrived here with a large number of the wounded and many of the survivors of the Maine disaster. The officers were, as a rule, reticent and followed in line with their chief, Captain Sigsbee, in saying that the cause of the explosion could only be ascertained by divers, but many of the sailors were outspoken in their declaration of belief that the explosion was a deep laid plot of the Spaniards.

They are greatly incensed against the Havana people, who have shown them small courtesy, who looked upon their presence as a national affront and who have published anonymous circulars captioned "Down With Americans!"

They believe that the author of such expressed and cowardly hatred would not stop at an act of such terrible vengeance as the blowing up of the Maine. These sailors, acquainted with the drills, discipline and ensemble of a man of-war, pooh-pooh the idea of an internal explosion as the last thing to be thought of.

An Associated Press correspondent has been assured in a reliable quarter that Captain Sigsbee is under the impression that the warship Maine was blown up by a floating torpedo and that he has communicated his impressions to Washington, asking at the same time that the navy department should send naval engineers and mechanics to investigate the explosion.

Purser Denison of the Olivette gives the following brief account of the disaster:

"The explosion is an absolute mystery to every one. It occurred in the forward magazine, which is just forward of amidships and below the water line. The coal bunkers are outside, but separated by two feet of space. According to custom the magazine was inspected at 8 o'clock in the evening and the temperature found to be 69 The magazine was locked and the keys given to Captain Sigsbee. The men went to their hammocks in the forward part of the ship soon after 9 o'clock

"The explosion occurred at 9:40, and hence the awful and overwhelming loss of life. No one can yet give a connected account. About ten men who were in the forward part of the ship were saved and of these several had their hammocks slung on the lower deck. The explosion split the big ship in two and threw these and one marine who was sleeping on the superstructure 40 feet in the air and into the water.

"In the magazine were 25 tons of coarse powder used for charging the big guns, there being no dynamite, detonating powder or torpedo heads, and nothing in fact that could be exploded by concussion. In the main magazine aft the high explosives were stored and this magazine did not explode There are no electric wires connecting with or near the magazine.

"It is not believed that the Maine was destroyed by a torpedo underneath as if this was the case the hold would have been torn in the bottom, and the ship would not have been riven to atoms, as was the case. The aft part of the ship sank in three minutes, and the officers and survivors of the crew escaped half clothed. Pieces of the wreckage flew a distance of 500 yards. One large piece of cement struck the quarterdeck of the City of Washington of the Ward line, which anchored ahead of the Maine 20 minutes before the explosion."

HUNDREDS ARE DEAD.

Consul General Lee Reports 260 Men as Victims of the Disaster.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—Each succeeding hour is bringing more and more to light the horrors that attended the destruction of the United States battleship Maine in the harbor here, but as yet nothing definite is to be learned regarding the cause of the explosion.

The wreck took fire and sank, and soon the harbor was illuminated by the lurid glare of flames, fed chiefly by the inflammable cellulose contained in the forward and after ends. The wreck burned the long night through, and when broke the solemn, pitying dawn, dark wreaths of smoke were still curling upward from the shapeless mass

Consul General Lee has sent the following dispatch to the state department:

"Profound sorrow expressed by government and municipal authorities, consuls of foreign nations, organized bodies of all sorts and citizens generally. Flags at half mast on governor general's palace, on shipping in harbor and in city. Business suspended; theaters closed. Dead number about 260.

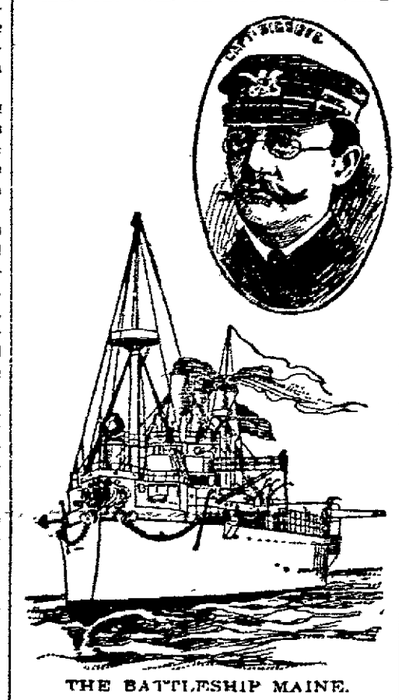
"Officers' quarters being in rear and seamen's forward where explosion took place, accounts for greater proportional loss of sailors. Officers Merritt and Jenkins still missing. Suppose you ask that naval court of inquiry be held to ascertain cause of explosion Hope our people will repress excitement and calmly await decision."

Lieutenant Commander R. Wainwright of the Maine was half undressed and was smoking in his cabin next to that of Captain Sigsbee, it is said, when the explosion occurred and put out the electric lights. Lieutenant Commander Wainwright then lit a match and went to Captain Sigsbee's cabin. The captain, it appears, had been thrown from his bed, but was uninjured. They both went on deck and ordered a man to flood 2,500 pounds of gun cotton which was on board. The order was carried out, the man never returned, but Havana was saved from a still more terrible explosion Four boats were lowered, all manned by officers, and one of them was lost.

Among the saved taken on board the City of Washington was a Mr. Dreesler (Gustav G. Dressler of the Maine?), who has lost both his eyes. The passengers of the City of Washington gave up their staterooms to the injured men of the American warship. An iron truss from the Maine fell on the pantry of the City of Washington, breaking the tableware of the steamer.

An officer of the Maine who was taken on board the Ward liner City of Washington said:

"I was sitting with two other officers in the messroom when a heavy explosion occurred It was so heavy that we knew the ship would be lost, and we went on the upper deck and found that the ship had been badly wrecked—that she was on fire and sinking.



THE BATTLESHIP MAINE.

All efforts were then directed to lowering the boats and saving lives, but the Maine settled quickly to the bottom of the harbor, only her upper decks remaining above water."

Another officer said the explosion occurred somewhere in the forward part of the amidships section of the battleship. Many of the crew who were below at the time of the explosion were unable to escape, and those who succeeded in reaching the upper deck saved their lives with great difficulty, with the assistance of the officers and men

While the correspondent of the Associated Press was going ashore from the wreck there was another terrific explosion. At the same time boats from the Spanish steamers Colona and Mexico were taking eight wounded men ashore, after having saved them from the water.

SECRETARY LONG'S OPINION.

Thinks That the Explosion Was Caused by Accident in the Magazine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—After a day of intense excitement at the navy department and elsewhere growing out of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, the situation, after the exchange of a number of cablegrams between Washington and Havana, can be summed up in the words of Secretary Long who, when asked, as he was about to depart for the day, whether he had reason to suspect that the disaster was the work of an enemy, replied,: "I do not. In that I am influenced by the fact that Captain Sigsbee has not yet reported to the navy department on the cause. He is evidently waiting to write a full report So long as he does not express himself, I certainly cannot. I should think, from the indications, however, that there was an accident—that the magazine exploded How that came about I do not know For the present, at least, no other warship will be sent to Havana."

The appalling nature of the disaster and the gravity of the situation that would arise should investigation give a basis for the undercurrent of suspicion of treachery and foul play that ran through all minds had a sobering effect on public men of all shades of political opinion. The fact stands forth and is little less than remarkable that not a single resolution was introduced or a single speech made in either house of congress bearing on the disaster, save one of condolence with the families of those killed, offered by Mr Boutelle and adopted by the house of representatives

Public men expressed their opinions with reserve when approached for interviews, but everywhere there was a demand for an investigation and full details, in the light of which the horror may be justly viewed. Secretary Long undoubtedly summarized the general opinion of the majority of the naval experts in finding it impossible just now to state the cause of the destruction of the Maine.

The naval constructors, in the light of the dispatches thus far received, say that it is by no means certain that the Maine cannot be raised and again carry the flag. They say that while she is a big ship, others as large have been raised and at Havana the new floating drydock would receive her if she could once be gotten above the water Captain Sigsbee evidently is taking an interest in the future of the ship, for he sent a telegram to Commander Forsyth at Key West that was promptly transmitted to Secretary Long, suggesting that a lighthouse vessel or some such small craft be stationed in Havana harbor on watch over the wreck The latter, even if beyond resurrection contains valuable ordnance and other property that doubtless can be secured by divers

It is said at the navy department that this disaster is the greatest of the kind in naval history since the sinking of the big British warship Victoria by collision with the Camperdown in the Mediterranean off Malta, June, 1893 By that accident the British admiral commanding, 22 officers and 336 men lost their lives. The Spanish legation was early advised of the horror by Captain General Blanco, who expressed his profound regret and added that the occurrence was a chance accident the undoubted cause being the explosion of the boiler of the dynamo. This was the only specific cause assigned from an official source during the day.

Senor du Bosc, the Spanish charge d'affaires, called at the state department to express his profound regret, and the entire Spanish staff left their cards at the navy department as a mark of personal condolence. At all of the foreign establishments there was the deepest interest and solicitude over the affair, and during the day Embassador Cambon of France, Sir Julian Pauncefote of the British embassy and other foreign representatives called on the president or at the state department to express their regrets.

A Spanish official of long residence at Havana stated that the hour of the accident was the one when excitement at Havana is at its height. Up to midnight the theaters, cafes and clubs are crowded, and strangers find their greatest interest in seeing the city at that time. For this reason, he said, it was the time when naval officers usually secured their shore leave, the leave running from 8 to 12 o'clock. This he thought would account for the absence of some of the officers from the Maine and the consequent small death list among the officers. At the same time, the leave to the sailors was usually curtailed between 8 and 12, for the reason that the hours of excitement at Havana were those in which it was desired the seamen should not participate.

MADRID EXCITED.

The Premier Informs the Queen of the Disaster—Press Comments.

MADRID, Feb. 17.—The United States minister, General Stewart L. Woodford, did not receive news of the loss of the Maine from Washington. His first intimation of the news came from the Spanish rear admiral, who called at the United States legation to express, in behalf of the Spanish government, regret for the disaster which had befallen the American warship. The premier, Senor Sagasta, personally informed the queen regent of the loss of the Maine immediately after he received the news of the disaster.

The following semiofficial note has been issued: "The news of the disaster of the Maine has caused a painful impression in Madrid. It was at first feared that there had been some act of imprudence to which the catastrophe was attributable. Afterward, as the details arrived, the fears dispelled took the form of feelings of sympathy and sorrow for the misfortune which has occurred.

"The captain general, the commandant of the arsenal, the sailors of the cruiser Alfonso XII, the crews of the merchant vessels and all the available forces hastened to succor the injured."

The government has expressed to Minister Woodford the regret it feels at the catastrophe, more especially as it occurred in waters within Spanish jurisdiction.

An admiral in full uniform, in the name of the minister of marine and the entire Spanish cabinet, called on General Woodford and informed him that the government had telegraphed to the authorities in Cuba to do their utmost to relieve the distress of the injured and to furnish the officers and crew of the Maine with everything which they may need.

Admiral Chacon, the commander in chief of the Spanish navy, in the course of an interview, said the United States warship Maine had on board a "new explosive based on gun cotton, manufactured by a special process" Such explosives, he added, were very dangerous, the slightest friction causing an explosion. He believed the disaster was due to such a cause.

The Epoca says, "Whatever the relations between Spain and the United States, Christian feelings and humanity compel us to regret the catastrophe. The spectacle of so many lives suddenly launched into eternity inspires compassion." The Heraldo remarks: "Although the Americans try to represent us as a people devoid of virtues, we must face this horrible misfortune sincerely and express feelings of compassion In the face of provocative Americans we shall always remain a proud people, but in the face of men in misfortune, of whatever nationality, our hearts are always full of pity."

Admiral Belknap Says Torpedo.

BOSTON, Feb. 17 — Rear Admiral George E Belknap, U S N., retired, was seen here He stated that he was inclined to think that the Maine was blown up by a torpedo

"I do not see," he said, "how an explosion of the forward magazine could have occurred The keys of the magazines are always kept in the custody of the captain. All the ammunition is carefully cased, mostly in the form of projectiles and their explosion by themselves is next to impossible If, as the dispatches state the whole bow of the ship was blown off, it is apparent that the explosion could not have been caused by the boilers or the coal getting heated. I do not see how it could have occurred from the pantroom as every precaution is taken to prevent the collection of explosive gases there and if such an explosion occurred it would be more likely to have caused a fire than to destroy the ship"

Rear Admiral Belknap said it was a very significant thing that the Maine should have blown up in that particular harbor at this particular time In the absence of information as to the cause of the explosion he thought that was the most significant indication in the whole matter

A Startling Story From New York

NEW YORK, Feb 17—The World this morning prints a story to the effect that Dr C E Pendleton who has just arrived from Havana, says that he overheard there a conversation in which it was declared that there would shortly come a great sensation that there were wires all around the Maine and that she could be blown to pieces at a moment's notice He has hastened to Washington to bear this news to the White House The Journal boldly asserts its belief that the disaster was the work of fiends and offers a reward of $50,000 for information that will lead to the conviction of the perpetrators of the deed.

Lieutenant Nixon's Theory

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17—Lieutenant Lewis Nixon designer of the battleships Indiana Massachusetts and Oregon who is an expert on naval construction and armament has stated in an interview that in his opinion, it would be possible for spontaneous combustion to have caused the explosion in the magazine of the battleship Maine

THE MARTIN TRIAL.

Continuation of Evidence In the Case of the Accused Deputies.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 17.—During the day's proceedings in the Martin trial John Feri testified that he was standing near Steve Wuch and Mike Cezlak when the shooting commenced at Lattimer, and both men fell. He ran, and when he came back a deputy, Frank Clark, came up and kicked him, and he was given into the hands of the deputies. They kept him nearly an hour. He saw eight dead men lying along the road after the shooting.

Peter Pazgon of Cranberry told nothing new. Edwin P. Strauss of Hazleton testified as to Deputy Turner saying, "Well, I shot nine of them and killed five." Joel Smith, brother of the proprietor of the Valley hotel at Hazleton, corroborated Strauss' story relative to Deputy John Turner's remarks.

Frank Fordish, who was shot seven times, exhibited the five wounds in his back. One had passed through his arm, another through his shoulder, and the others were imbedded in his body.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Mr. Gladstone started for England yesterday from Cannes, France.

The New Jersey legislature adjourned yesterday until next Wednesday.

An operation was successfully performed upon Mme. Sara Bernhardt in Paris.

Governor Voorhees of New Jersey has gone to Washington to be a guest of Vice President Hobart.

Lord Salisbury and his son had a narrow escape from serious injury in an accident to their brougham in London.

Prince Henry of Prussia and the German vessels under his command sailed from Colombo, Ceylon, on their way to China.

The man who committed suicide at the Nelson House in Poughkeepsie was identified as Ernest Anders, a professor of music.

The Kansas Pacific road was bought in at Topeka by Alvin W. Krech, representing the reorganization committee, for $6,303,000.

A sensation was caused in the Zola trial at Paris by the statement of General Pellieux, that danger might be nearer than people supposed.

Biennial Session Bill a Party Measure.

ALBANY, Feb. 17—The Republican senatorial caucus called last night to discuss the biennial session bill decided to make it a party measure The vote on the proposition was taken at midnight and resulted—ayes, 27, nayes, 3; absentees, 6. Those voting absolutely against the proposition were Senators Malby, Ford and Higbie. Those absent were Messrs. Wieman, Pavey, Burns, Lexow, Brackett and Lamy. Messrs. Coggeshall, Raines and Daly voted by proxy. Senator Charles Davis presided, and Senator Grant was secretary.

Doings of Miners' Convention.

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 17 At the session of the miners' convention resolutions were adopted instructing the officers to bring about a joint conference of the operators and miners of the eastern field with a view to an adjustment of wages and hours of labor, failing in which a convention of miners shall be called on or before March 22 for the purpose of forming a scale of prices and hours of labor to go into effect April 1, 1898. The company store system was condemned.

True Bill Against Owen Murphy.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb 17.—The Fairfield county grand jury, after nearly four hours deliberation, brought in a true bill of murder in the first degree against Antonio Demarco of Stamford who killed by stabbing his two uncles and a true bill of mayhem against Owen Murphy of South Norwalk, who threw vitriol into the face of Jennie Kinsella, which frightfully disfigured the girl Murphy's offense is punishable by life imprisonment.

Business Block Burned.

WESTERLY R I Feb 17—The Potter block one of the largest business blocks in this city was completely burned out last night with a loss to the owners and half a dozen business firms of over $56,000.

BLIZZARD RAMPANT.

Eastern Part of the Country Swept by Wind.

ONE DEATH REPORTED FROM BOSTON

Theater Wall Collapses In Clinton, Mass. Church Spire Shattered In New York—Gigantic Roof Blown Off In Meriden, Conn.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—The second great storm of the month reached New England yesterday. The wind came from the west and gained in energy as it approached this section. About 18 inches of snow fell in Vermont and some parts of Maine. The storm amounted to a blizzard at many points, a westerly wind sweeping along at the rate of from 45 to 56 miles an hour.

It was blowing 40 miles an hour in Boston harbor. The stations on the Massachusetts coast report a fearful gale. A blinding snowstorm prevailed all day, making it impossible to discern vessels from the shore. The storm has placed an embargo on most outward bound shipping.

George Manning, a small boy, was killed in South Boston by being struck and thrown into the street by a large gate which was blown outward by the wind just as he was passing. Death was caused by a fracture of the skull.

The Storm In New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The eastern part of the country and along the coast is the center of a big windstorm. Right in this city the wind is blowing a gale, and at one time its velocity reached 48 miles an hour. The gale moaned at a great rate around the tops of the skyscrapers and blew down several heavy cable wires on Nassau street, which tore electric light wires from their supports. The bay and rivers were churned into foam, harbor craft were beaten about and flags on the office buildings were split, many of them into ribbons, or whisked from their poles.

The large gilt cross on the spire of St. Theresa's Roman Catholic church, at Henry and Rutgers streets, was blown down by the wind and shattered on the street. Part of the scaffolding on the western part of the Syndicate building, in course of erection on Park row, was blown down.

A Blizzard Around Winsted.

WINSTED, Conn., Feb. 17.—A terrific wind has been blowing throughout northwestern Connecticut. The wind has assumed the violence of a blizzard The trains on the Philadelphia, Reading and New England railroad are considerably behind time, as huge drifts are encountered between Winsted and Campbell Hall, N. Y.

Wind Blew a Roof Off.

MERIDEN, Conn., Feb. 17.—The roof of the Meriden Bronze company's building, which contained about 5,000 square feet, was blown off during the high wind and caused an estimated damage of $5,000. Several workmen had narrow escapes from being injured by pieces of timber which crushed through the ell of the factory.

Theater Wall Collapses.

CLINTON, Mass., Feb. 17.—In the midst of a terrific windstorm here the rear wall of the Cannon theater building, a four-story structure, collapsed. No one was injured. The damage cannot be estimated until an examination is made.

Freight Station Burned.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—The Philadelphia and Reading freight station at Front and Noble streets was completely destroyed by fire, together with a large quantity of merchandise including both incoming and outgoing freight The loss is estimated at from $100 000 to $125,000. The company carries its own insurance.

Steals Money to Find More.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 —Willie, sometimes called Eddie, Zeller is off for the Klondike and it is charged that $3,000 belonging to his father has gone with him Hence a request from the elder Zeller to the police to cause the arrest of the argonaut on his way to the land of gold. He is still at large

Bishop Coxe's Widow Dead.

BUFFALO Feb 17—A private telegram from Geneva, N Y, received here announces the death at that place of Mrs Coxe, wife of the late Right Rev Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D D bishop of western New York, who died suddenly in the summer of 1896.

American Woman Wedded In Cairo.

CAIRO, Feb 17—The marriage was solemnized yesterday at the United States agency by the Rev Mr Harvey of Mr T Luis de Ontiveros and Mrs. Hastings Jerome of New York in the presence of Consul General Harrison

Ten Years For Manslaughter.

TRENTON Feb 17—Clarence Dovle, who was convicted of murder in the second degree in the Mercer county court two weeks ago for the killing of Amos Haviland at Page's Corner some time ago, has been sentenced to serve a term of ten years and three months

Death of a Centenarian.

GREENWICH Conn., Feb. 17.—Eliza Wall widow of Thomas Wall is dead She was 100 years old Pneumonia was the cause of death Up to a few days of her death she retained all her mental faculties Two children survive her

Clara Nevada Is Really Lost.

SEATTLE Wash., Feb. 17.—A private telegram from Nanaimo B C says that the steamer Queen has arrived there from Skagguay Alaska bringing confirmatory news of the loss of the steamer Clara Nevada

THE HOUSE EXCITED.

Resolution of Sympathy For the Maine Victims.

THE BANKRUPTCY BILL DISCUSSED.

Debate on Coast Defenses a Feature of Senate Proceedings—Senator Morrill Speaks on Hawaiian Treaty—Other Business In Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The debate on the bankruptcy bill, which is to continue until Saturday, when a vote will be taken, opened in the house, but it attracted little attention, the interest of the members being entirely absorbed by the disaster to the Maine. At times the hall of the house was almost deserted, the members being congregated in the lobbies or cloakrooms discussing the accident and speculating upon its probable consequences.

Just before the house adjourned Mr. Boutelle, chairman of the naval committee, presented a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, expressing regret for the disaster, condolence with the families of those who lost their lives and sympathy with the injured.

The speakers on the bankruptcy bill were: In favor of the measure—Messrs. Henderson (Rep., Ia.), Lanham (Dem., Tex.) and Burke (Dem., Tex.) in opposition to it—Messrs. Underwood (Dem., Ala.), Bell (Pop., Colo.), Henry (Dem., Tex.), McRae (Dem., Ark.) and Cochran (Dem., Mo.).

In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A discussion upon coast defenses was the interesting feature of the senate yesterday. Many senators took the ground that the appropriations should be for the full amount of the estimates by the war department instead of some four millions less. Senators Perkins and Hale said that it was the policy of the appropriations committee to make an annual expenditure of $10,000,000 a year for the fortifications.

Senators Stewart, Hawley, Chandler and Lodge spoke in favor of increases. Senator Teller also advocated liberal expenditures and during his remarks made significant allusions to Cuba and Hawaii. In the early part of the day there was a discussion of the Kansas Pacific railroad sale, but no action was taken.

Senator Morrill of Vermont occupied the entire time of the executive session with a speech opposing the ratification of the Hawaiian annexation treaty. There was more than usual interest in the speech owing to the advanced age of the senator and to the fact that he is the only Republican senator who has so far spoken in opposition to the treaty. He read from manuscript and received the careful attention of all senators present. Mr. Morrill's speech was intended to show that the acquisition of the Hawaiian islands would be against both good policy and the traditions of this country.

Knights of Pythias Elect Officers.

TRENTON, Feb. 17.—The New Jersey grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias, which is holding its annual sessions in this city, last night elected these officers: Grand chancellor, De Witt C. Cobb of Trenton; grand vice chancellor, Somers T. Champion of Atlantic Highlands, grand prelate, John P. Dexheimer of Orange; grand keeper of records and seals, George E. Pearson of Woodbury, grand master of exchequer, John Patrick of Rutherford; grand master at arms, John H. Conger of New Brunswick, grand inner guard, P. Hall Packer of Seabright; grand outer guard, T. S Shanley of Jersey City; supreme representatives, Charles W. Bilbourn of New Brunswick, De Witt C. Bolton of Paterson and Ralph Donath of Jersey City.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Feb 17.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed as follows. New Hampshire—Marlow, Charles A Clapp New York—Hague, Lee J. Palmer, Husteds, Charles D. Hamilton; Schultzeville, Lafayette P Budd; Wyandale Winfield J. Ryther Pennsylvania—Gouldsboro, S H Rhodes, Henrietta, J. E Hagey, Minnequa, Samuel N Manley, Pomfort, Sylvester O. Reinhard.

Killed by an Express Train.

EVERETT, Mass., Feb. 17.—Thomas Moran gatetender employed by the Boston and Maine railroad at East Everett, was killed by an express train yesterday Moran had stepped upon the track to see if the train was coming, the snow blinding him so that he did not realize that it was so near him. He was 48 years old and unmarried.

In Memory of Marshall Newell.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb 17—In response to what seems to be a general desire, a permanent memorial will be erected at Harvard to Marshall Newell, who was killed on last Christmas eve at Springfield, Mass It has been suggested that a new gate to the college yard would be most fitting, but its location has not yet been determined.

Train Collision In Massachusetts.

QUINCY, Mass., Feb 17—A freight train on the New York New Haven and Hartford railroad collided with a special Ware train at the Quincy station, and both were thrown from the track The collision was due to the storm The only person injured was Engineer Frank White of the freight train He was badly shaken up and hurt internally.

Disaster at Sea.

TENERIFFE, Canary Islands, Feb. 17.—The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique line steamer Flachat, bound from Marseilles for Colon, was totally wrecked on Anaga point, this island. Her captain, second officer, 11 of her crew and one passenger were saved. Thirty-eight of the crew and 49 passengers were lost.

AT THE THEATRE.

"Maine and Georgia" Well Acted by the Sawtelle Company, Last Night.

The Sawtelle Dramatic Company gave another of its excellent performances, last evening, presenting the four act drama, "Maine and Georgia." The play was carefully produced, the scenery being especially fine.

The second act, showing the stockade of Andersonville prison, was very realistic and received generous applause. Miss Jessie Sawtelle was seen to excellent advantage in the leading role—that of the impetuous daughter of a Confederate General—and her emotional scenes were strong and forcible and by her excellent work she is fast establishing herself a universal favorite.

Charles Mortimer was good as "Lester Spaulding," and Messrs. Fisher and McKee supplied the comedy to the entire satisfaction of the audience, their character songs scoring a decided hit. The other specialties were pleasing and warmly applauded.

This evening "Rosedale" will be the play, and, to-morrow afternoon, at the matinee, "Around the World in Eighty Days," with J. Al. Sawtelle in both plays.

The company will remain but one week and none should miss the opportunity of witnessing these excellent performances at popular prices. Matinees daily at 2 p. m.

LOOKS LIKE FOUL PLAY.

Investigating the Death of Andrew Hasbrouck at Port Jervis.

The inquest into the death of Andrew Hasbrouck, the Port Jervis negro who was found dead along the Monticello Railroad track, Friday morning, began in Port Jervis, Monday night.

Drs. Knapp and Banks, who performed the autopsy, testified that death was due to wounds on the head, which could not have been caused by being struck by a locomotive. They were more probably caused by blows from a blunt instrument, possibly a coupling pin.

Joseph J. Westbrook, who found the body, testified that there were no blood spots or anything else to indicate that he had been struck by a locomotive.

REGENTS' EXAMINATION.

Pupils of the Middletown High School Made a Fine Showing.

Nearly ninety per cent. of the Regents' examination papers handed in by pupils at the high school during the last examination, or 405 out of 453, were reported as passed.

Above thirty-four per cent. or thirty out of eighty-nine papers handed in by non-residents at the same examination were reported as passed.

The average throughout the State, last year, was fifty-eight per cent.

PHOENIX ENGINE CO.'S STAG.

Enjoyed a Good Supper and Listened to Speeches.

The officers of Phœnix Engine Company entertained the members, Tuesday night, at a stag supper at the truck house. The lay out was a fine one, and after the cigars addresses were made by Chaplain Heath, Foreman Atkins, Assistant Chief Lorentz and others.

A Higher Fence Needed at the Goshen Jail Stone Yard.

The attention of several members of the Board of Supervisors has been called to the necessity of enclosing the stone yard at the Goshen jail by a higher fence. The enclosure in which the prisoners break stone is surrounded by a fence that an active prisoner can easily climb, and the escape of the prisoner Dailey will be followed by others unless the guards are increased or the fence made prisoner-proof.

A Very Handsome English Mastiff.

The large and very handsome English mastiff, "Major Slack," which accompanies Charles W. Burrill, the press agent of the Sawtelle Comedy Co., about town, attracts much attention. The dog weighs 170 pounds and is such a formidable looking fellow that when Mr. Burrill enters a newspaper office with the "Major" at his heels he never fails to get what he wants.

Piles—Itching, Blind and Bleeding Cured

in three to six nights. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is peerless in curing. One application gives instant relief. It cures all itching and irritating skin diseases, Chafing, Eczema, etc. 35 cents. Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers

Entertained His Guests at a Turkey Supper.

William Morrison, proprietor of the remodelled and redecorated Spellman House, at Prince and Ogden streets, gave a fine turkey supper to a party of friends, Tuesday night.

Will Present the Chester Mission With an Altar.

At the meeting of the vestry of Grace Church, Tuesday night, it was voted to present the unused altar to the mission at Chester.

A Sensible Man

Would use Kemp's Balsom for the Throat and Lungs. It is curing more cases of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup and all Throat and Lung Troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a Sample Bottle free to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Price 25c. and 50c.

A JOYFUL MOTHER OF CHILDREN.

Mrs. Pinkham Declares that in the Light of Modern Science no Woman Need Despair.

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	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	128⅞	137
Tobacco	92	91½
Chicago Gas	96¾	94⅝
Nat. Lead	33¾	35¼
General Electric	38¼	36⅛
U. S. L., pref.	65¾	64
Tenn. Coal and Iron	24⅝	23¾
A. T. & S. F.	—	12½
C. B. & Q.	102½	*101
C. M. & St. P.	95¾	94
R. I.	91¾	90¾
D. L. & W.	——	——
C. of N. J.	97	95
Erie	——	15
D. and H.	112½	111
O. & W.	17⅜	16⅞
Susquehanna & Western	——	——
Susquehanna & West., pref.	36¼	34¾
P. & R.	21⅝	20⅝
N. W.	128⅞	126¾
L. S.	191⅞	——
N. Y. C.	118¾	116¾
M. P.	33¼	31⅞
Texas	12½	12
U. P.	34½	32½
W. Union	92⅝	91¼
L. & N.	60	57½
Manhattan	117¼	114¾
P. M.	32	31¼
Wabash, pref	18¾	18
No. Pacific, pref.	66⅞	64⅝
Metropolitan Traction	162	156
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	41¼	40⅝
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May Corn	30⅝	31¼
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May Pork	$11 15	$11 10
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MARRIED.

RIDER—SMITH—At Newburgh, Feb. 7th, '98, by Rev. William K. Hall, D. D., Robert Rider, of Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, and Helen S. Smith, of Newburgh.

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DIXON—CARD—By Rev. E. H. Carr, Feb. 5th, '98, Robert Dixon and Alice G. Card, both of Vernon, N. J.

ACKERLY—SANFORD—At the home of the bride, Feb. 1st, '98, by Rev. J. P. Carley, Rev. Henry W. Ackerly, of Mahopac, N. Y., and Carrie B. Sanford, of Liberty Falls.

DIED.

STEWARD—At 10 Gramercy Park, New York city, Feb. 9th, '98, Daniel Jackson Steward, in the eighty-second year of his age. Interment in family vault, Goshen.

WELLER—At Montgomery, Feb. 6th, '98, Mrs. Effie A. Weller, aged eighty-one years.

McAULIFFE—At Pond Eddy, Feb. 5th '98, Margaret wife of Martin McAuliffe, aged fifty-three years.

DAVENPORT—At Philadelphia, Feb 9th, '98, Harriet wife of Claudius Charles Davenport, aged forty-six years.

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Lincoln Lodge, No. 52, of the National Benevolent Legion, a fraternal insurance order, was organized in this city, Tuesday evening. Among its members are some of Middletown's best known citizens and it starts under very promising conditions.

The supreme officers of the order were in attendance and installed the officers and Dr. D. M. Caldwell, Past Supreme President, made an address and explained how the Benevolent Legion, by its reserve fund plan, proposed to avoid the increasing cost of insurance, which has caused other insurance orders so much difficulty.

The officers of Lincoln Lodge are:
President—Chas. C. Foss.
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Counsellor—George H. Whyte.
Chaplain—J. W. Norris.
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720 pairs Ladies' Black Seamless 15c Hose, "sold as seconds," high spliced heel. As long as they last 10c a pair. None sold to dealers.

27 Ladies' Odd Wrappers. Some are dark, others are very light, a few flannelette and satteens in the lot. All to go at 49c.

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440 yards 10c Outing Cloth, all dainty colorings. Couldn't be bought in any wholesale house for less than 8c per yard. For this sale 6c a yd.

73 pairs Ladies' Lisle Thread Hose, in all colors and dainty stripes, plain and drop stitch. The former price was 50 and 75c. To close them out we have marked them all 25c.

Ladies' Cotton Eider Down Wrappers, extra well made, all cut extra wide. Sold from $1.98 to $2.48. To close them out all to go at $1.50. None exchanged.

Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers, made with box pleated back, tight fitting. Come in either navy blue, stripes or black and white polka dots. Sold all season at 98c. As long as they last 79c.

731 yards of Black Figured Sateen, in black and white, and dainty colorings, all in dress lengths of 9, 10, 11 or 12 yards. The former price was 15c. To close it out all to go at 10c a yard.

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THE MAINE HORROR

Wounded Sailors Outspoken In Their Belief of Spanish Plot.

SIGSBEE SAYS TREACHERY

Over Two Hundred and Fifty Men Are Reported to Have Been Killed.

THEORIES ADVANCED FOR DISASTER

Officers on Board Ill Fated Battleship Tell Their Stories—All Washington Aroused—Opinions by Authorities on Cause of Tragedy.

KEY WEST, Feb. 17.—The steamship Olivette has arrived here with a large number of the wounded and many of the survivors of the Maine disaster. The officers were, as a rule, reticent and followed in line with their chief, Captain Sigsbee, in saying that the cause of the explosion could only be ascertained by divers, but many of the sailors were outspoken in their declaration of belief that the explosion was a deep laid plot of the Spaniards.

They are greatly incensed against the Havana people, who have shown them small courtesy, who looked upon their presence as a national affront and who have published anonymous circulars captioned "Down With Americans!"

They believe that the author of such expressed and cowardly hatred would not stop at an act of such terrible vengeance as the blowing up of the Maine. These sailors, acquainted with the drills, discipline and ensemble of a man of-war, pooh-pooh the idea of an internal explosion as the last thing to be thought of.

An Associated Press correspondent has been assured in a reliable quarter that Captain Sigsbee is under the impression that the warship Maine was blown up by a floating torpedo and that he has communicated his impressions to Washington, asking at the same time that the navy department should send naval engineers and mechanics to investigate the explosion.

Purser Denison of the Olivette gives the following brief account of the disaster:

"The explosion is an absolute mystery to every one. It occurred in the forward magazine, which is just forward of amidships and below the water line. The coal bunkers are outside, but separated by two feet of space. According to custom the magazine was inspected at 8 o'clock in the evening and the temperature found to be 59. The magazine was locked and the keys given to Captain Sigsbee. The men went to their hammocks in the forward part of the ship soon after 9 o'clock.

"The explosion occurred at 9:40, and hence the awful and overwhelming loss of life. No one can yet give a connected account. About ten men who were in the forward part of the ship were saved and of these several had their hammocks slung on the lower deck. The explosion split the big ship in two and threw these and one marine who was sleeping on the superstructure 40 feet in the air and into the water.

"In the magazine were 25 tons of coarse powder, used for charging the big guns, there being no dynamite, detonating powder or torpedo heads, and nothing in fact that could be exploded by concussion. In the main magazine aft the high explosives were stored, and this magazine did not explode. There are no electric wires connecting with or near the magazine.

"It is not believed that the Maine was destroyed by a torpedo underneath, as if this was the case the hold would have been torn in the bottom, and the ship would not have been riven to atoms, as was the case. The aft part of the ship sank in three minutes, and the officers and survivors of the crew escaped half clothed. Pieces of the wreckage flew a distance of 600 yards. One large piece of cement struck the quarterdeck of the City of Washington of the Ward line, which anchored ahead of the Maine 20 minutes before the explosion."

HUNDREDS ARE DEAD.

Consul General Lee Reports 260 Men as Victims of the Disaster.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—Each succeeding hour is bringing more and more to light the horrors that attended the destruction of the United States battleship Maine in the harbor here, but as yet nothing definite is to be learned regarding the cause of the explosion.

The wreck took fire and sank, and soon the harbor was illuminated by the lurid glare of flames, fed chiefly by the inflammable cellulose contained in the forward and after ends. The wreck burned the long night through, and when broke the solemn, pitying dawn, dark wreaths of smoke were still curling upward from the shapeless mass.

Consul General Lee has sent the following dispatch to the state department:

"Profound sorrow expressed by government and municipal authorities, consuls of foreign nations, organized bodies of all sorts and citizens generally. Flags at half mast on governor general's palace, on shipping in harbor and in city. Business suspended; theaters closed. Dead number about 260.

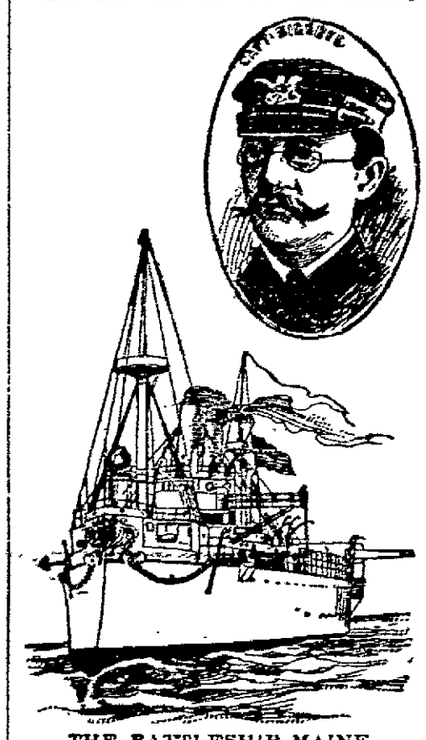
"Officers' quarters being in rear and seamen's forward, where explosion took place, accounts for greater proportional loss of sailors. Officers Merritt and Jenkins still missing. Suppose you ask that naval court of inquiry be held to ascertain cause of explosion. Hope our people will repress excitement and calmly await decision."

Lieutenant Commander R. Wainwright of the Maine was half undressed and was smoking in his cabin next to that of Captain Sigsbee, it is said, when the explosion occurred and put out the electric lights. Lieutenant Commander Wainwright then lit a match and went to Captain Sigsbee's cabin. The captain, it appears, had been thrown from his bed, but was uninjured. They both went on deck and ordered a man to flood 2,500 pounds of gun cotton which was on board. The order was carried out, the man never returned, but Havana was saved from a still more terrible explosion. Four boats were lowered, all manned by officers, and one of them was lost.

Among the saved taken on board the City of Washington was a Mr. Dreesler (Gustav G. Dressler of the Maine?), who has lost both his eyes. The passengers of the City of Washington gave up their staterooms to the injured men of the American warship. An iron truss from the Maine fell on the pantry of the City of Washington, breaking the tableware of the steamer.

An officer of the Maine who was taken on board the Ward liner City of Washington said:

"I was sitting with two other officers in the messroom when a heavy explosion occurred. It was so heavy that we knew the ship would be lost, and we went on the upper deck and found that the ship had been badly wrecked—that she was on fire and sinking.



THE BATTLESHIP MAINE.

All efforts were then directed to lowering the boats and saving lives, but the Maine settled quickly to the bottom of the harbor, only her upper decks remaining above water."

Another officer said the explosion occurred somewhere in the forward part of the amidships section of the battleship. Many of the crew who were below at the time of the explosion were unable to escape, and those who succeeded in reaching the upper deck saved their lives with great difficulty, with the assistance of the officers and men.

While the correspondent of the Associated Press was going ashore from the wreck there was another terrific explosion. At the same time boats from the Spanish steamers Colona and Mexico were taking eight wounded men ashore, after having saved them from the water.

SECRETARY LONG'S OPINION.

Thinks That the Explosion Was Caused by Accident In the Magazine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—After a day of intense excitement at the navy department and elsewhere growing out of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, the situation, after the exchange of a number of cablegrams between Washington and Havana, can be summed up in the words of Secretary Long, who, when asked, as he was about to depart for the day, whether he had reason to suspect that the disaster was the work of an enemy, replied,: "I do not. In that I am influenced by the fact that Captain Sigsbee has not yet reported to the navy department on the cause. He is evidently waiting to write a full report. So long as he does not express himself, I certainly cannot. I should think, from the indications, however, that there was an accident—that the magazine exploded. How that came about I do not know. For the present, at least, no other warship will be sent to Havana."

The appalling nature of the disaster and the gravity of the situation that would arise should investigation give a basis for the undercurrent of suspicion of treachery and foul play that ran through all minds had a sobering effect on public men of all shades of political opinion. The fact stands forth and is little less than remarkable that not a single resolution was introduced or a single speech made in either house of congress bearing on the disaster, save one of condolence with the families of those killed, offered by Mr Boutelle and adopted by the house of representatives.

Public men expressed their opinions with reserve when approached for interviews, but everywhere there was a demand for an investigation and full details, in the light of which the horror may be justly viewed. Secretary Long undoubtedly summarized the general opinion of the majority of the naval experts in finding it impossible just now to state the cause of the destruction of the Maine.

The naval constructors, in the light of the dispatches thus far received, say that it is by no means certain that the Maine cannot be raised and again carry the flag. They say that while she is a big ship, others as large have been raised, and at Havana the new floating drydock would receive her if she could once be gotten above the water. Captain Sigsbee evidently is taking an interest in the future of the ship, for he sent a telegram to Commander Forsyth at Key West that was promptly transmitted to Secretary Long, suggesting that a lighthouse vessel or some such small craft be stationed in Havana harbor on watch over the wreck. The latter, even if beyond resurrection, contains valuable ordnance and other property that doubtless can be secured by divers.

It is said at the navy department that this disaster is the greatest of the kind in naval history since the sinking of the big British warship Victoria by collision with the Camperdown in the Mediterranean off Malta, June, 1893. By that accident the British admiral commanding, 22 officers and 336 men lost their lives. The Spanish legation was early advised of the horror by Captain General Blanco, who expressed his profound regret and added that the occurrence was a chance accident, the undoubted cause being the explosion of the boiler of the dynamo. This was the only specific cause assigned from an official source during the day.

Senor du Bosc, the Spanish charge d'affaires, called at the state department to express his profound regret, and the entire Spanish staff left their cards at the navy department as a mark of personal condolence. At all of the foreign establishments there was the deepest interest and solicitude over the affair, and during the day Embassador Cambon of France, Sir Julian Pauncefote of the British embassy and other foreign representatives called on the president or at the state department to express their regrets.

A Spanish official of long residence at Havana stated that the hour of the accident was the one when excitement at Havana is at its height. Up to midnight the theaters, cafes and clubs are crowded, and strangers find their greatest interest in seeing the city at that time. For this reason, he said, it was the time when naval officers usually secured their shore leave, the leave running from 8 to 12 o'clock. This he thought would account for the absence of some of the officers from the Maine and the consequent small death list among the officers. At the same time, the leave to the sailors was usually curtailed between 8 and 12, for the reason that the hours of excitement at Havana were those in which it was desired the seamen should not participate.

MADRID EXCITED.

The Premier Informs the Queen of the Disaster—Press Comments.

MADRID, Feb. 17.—The United States minister, General Stewart L. Woodford, did not receive news of the loss of the Maine from Washington. His first intimation of the news came from the Spanish rear admiral, who called at the United States legation to express, in behalf of the Spanish government, regret for the disaster which had befallen the American warship. The premier, Senor Sagasta, personally informed the queen regent of the loss of the Maine immediately after he received the news of the disaster.

The following semiofficial note has been issued: "The news of the disaster of the Maine has caused a painful impression in Madrid. It was at first feared that there had been some act of imprudence to which the catastrophe was attributable. Afterward, as the details arrived, the fears dispelled took the form of feelings of sympathy and sorrow for the misfortune which has occurred.

"The captain general, the commandant of the arsenal, the sailors of the cruiser Alfonso XII, the crews of the merchant vessels and all the available forces hastened to succor the injured."

The government has expressed to Minister Woodford the regret it feels at the catastrophe, more especially as it occurred in waters within Spanish jurisdiction.

An admiral in full uniform, in the name of the minister of marine and the entire Spanish cabinet, called on General Woodford and informed him that the government had telegraphed to the authorities in Cuba to do their utmost to relieve the distress of the injured and to furnish the officers and crew of the Maine with everything which they may need.

Admiral Chacon, the commander in chief of the Spanish navy, in the course of an interview, said the United States warship Maine had on board a "new explosive based on gun cotton, manufactured by a special process." Such explosives, he added, were very dangerous, the slightest friction causing an explosion. He believed the disaster was due to such a cause.

The Epoca says: "Whatever the relations between Spain and the United States, Christian feelings and humanity compel us to regret the catastrophe. The spectacle of so many lives suddenly launched into eternity inspires compassion." The Heraldo remarks: "Although the Americans try to represent us as a people devoid of virtues, we must face this horrible misfortune sincerely and express feelings of compassion. In the face of provocative Americans we shall always remain a proud people, but in the face of men in misfortune, of whatever nationality, our hearts are always full of pity."

Admiral Belknap Says Torpedo.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Rear Admiral George E. Belknap, U. S. N., retired, was seen here. He stated that he was inclined to think that the Maine was blown up by a torpedo.

"I do not see," he said, "how an explosion of the forward magazine could have occurred. The keys of the magazines are always kept in the custody of the captain. All the ammunition is carefully cased, mostly in the form of projectiles, and their explosion by themselves is next to impossible. If, as the dispatches state, the whole bow of the ship was blown off, it is apparent that the explosion could not have been caused by the boilers or the coal getting heated. I do not see how it could have occurred from the paintroom as every precaution is taken to prevent the collection of explosive gases there, and if such an explosion occurred it would be more likely to have caused a fire than to destroy the ship."

Rear Admiral Belknap said it was a very significant thing that the Maine should have blown up in that particular harbor at this particular time. In the absence of information as to the cause of the explosion he thought that was the most significant indication in the whole matter.

A Startling Story From New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The World this morning prints a story to the effect that Dr C. E. Pendleton who has just arrived from Havana, says that he overheard there a conversation in which it was declared that there would shortly come a great sensation that there were wires all around the Maine and that she could be blown to pieces at a moment's notice. He has hastened to Washington to bear this news to the White House. The Journal boldly asserts its belief that the disaster was the work of fiends and offers a reward of $50,000 for information that will lead to the conviction of the perpetrators of the deed.

Lieutenant Nixon's Theory.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Lieutenant Lewis Nixon designer of the battleships Indiana, Massachusetts and Oregon who is an expert on naval construction and armament, has stated in an interview that in his opinion, it would be possible for spontaneous combustion to have caused the explosion in the magazine of the battleship Maine.

THE MARTIN TRIAL.

Continuation of Evidence In the Case of the Accused Deputies.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 17.—During the day's proceedings in the Martin trial John Feri testified that he was standing near Steve Wuch and Mike Cezlak when the shooting commenced at Lattimer, and both men fell. He ran, and when he came back a deputy, Frank Clark, came up and kicked him, and he was given into the hands of the deputies. They kept him nearly an hour. He saw eight dead men lying along the road after the shooting.

Peter Pazgon of Cranberry told nothing new. Edwin P. Strauss of Hazleton testified as to Deputy Turner saying, "Well, I shot nine of them and killed five." Joel Smith, brother of the proprietor of the Valley hotel at Hazleton, corroborated Strauss' story relative to Deputy John Turner's remarks.

Frank Fordish, who was shot seven times, exhibited the five wounds in his back. One had passed through his arm, another through his shoulder, and the others were imbedded in his body.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Mr. Gladstone started for England yesterday from Cannes, France.

The New Jersey legislature adjourned yesterday until next Wednesday.

An operation was successfully performed upon Mme. Sara Bernhardt in Paris.

Governor Voorhees of New Jersey has gone to Washington to be a guest of Vice President Hobart.

Lord Salisbury and his son had a narrow escape from serious injury in an accident to their brougham in London.

Prince Henry of Prussia and the German vessels under his command sailed from Colombo, Ceylon, on their way to China.

The man who committed suicide at the Nelson House in Poughkeepsie was identified as Ernest Anders, a professor of music.

The Kansas Pacific road was bought in at Topeka by Alvin W. Krech, representing the reorganization committee, for $6,303,000.

A sensation was caused in the Zola trial at Paris by the statement of General Pellieux, that danger might be nearer than people supposed.

Biennial Session Bill a Party Measure.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—The Republican senatorial caucus called last night to discuss the biennial session bill, decided to make it a party measure. The vote on the proposition was taken at midnight and resulted—ayes, 27, nayes, 3; absentees, 6. Those voting absolutely against the proposition were Senators Malby, Ford and Highle. Those absent were Messrs. Wieman, Pavey, Burns, Lexow, Brackett and Lamy. Messrs. Coggeshall, Raines and Daly voted by proxy. Senator Charles Davis presided, and Senator Grant was secretary.

Doings of Miners' Convention.

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 17.—At the session of the miners' convention resolutions were adopted instructing the officers to bring about a joint conference of the operators and miners of the eastern field with a view to an adjustment of wages and hours of labor, failing in which a convention of miners shall be called on or before March 22 for the purpose of forming a scale of prices and hours of labor to go into effect April 1, 1898. The company store system was condemned.

True Bill Against Owen Murphy.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 17.—The Fairfield county grand jury, after nearly four hours deliberation, brought in a true bill of murder in the first degree against Antonio Demarco of Stamford who killed by stabbing his two uncles and a true bill of mayhem against Owen Murphy of South Norwalk, who threw vitriol into the face of Jennie Kinsella, which frightfully disfigured the girl. Murphy's offense is punishable by life imprisonment.

Business Block Burned.

WESTERLY, R. I., Feb. 17.—The Potter block one of the largest business blocks in this city was completely burned out last night with a loss to the owners and half a dozen business firms of over $56,000.

BLIZZARD RAMPANT.

Eastern Part of the Country Swept by Wind.

ONE DEATH REPORTED FROM BOSTON

Theater Wall Collapses In Clinton, Mass. Church Spire Shattered In New York—Gigantic Roof Blown Off In Meriden, Conn.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—The second great storm of the month reached New England yesterday. The wind came from the west and gained in energy as it approached this section. About 18 inches of snow fell in Vermont and some parts of Maine. The storm amounted to a blizzard at many points, a westerly wind sweeping along at the rate of from 45 to 56 miles an hour.

It was blowing 40 miles an hour in Boston harbor. The stations on the Massachusetts coast report a fearful gale. A blinding snowstorm prevailed all day, making it impossible to discern vessels from the shore. The storm has placed an embargo on most outward bound shipping.

George Manning, a small boy, was killed in South Boston by being struck and thrown into the street by a large gate which was blown outward by the wind just as he was passing. Death was caused by a fracture of the skull.

The Storm In New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The eastern part of the country and along the coast is the center of a big windstorm. Right in this city the wind is blowing a gale, and at one time its velocity reached 48 miles an hour. The gale moaned at a great rate around the tops of the skyscrapers and blew down several heavy cable wires on Nassau street, which tore electric light wires from their supports. The bay and rivers were churned into foam, harbor craft were beaten about and flags on the office buildings were split, many of them into ribbons, or whisked from their poles.

The large gilt cross on the spire of St. Theresa's Roman Catholic church, at Henry and Rutgers streets, was blown down by the wind and shattered on the street. Part of the scaffolding on the western part of the Syndicate building, in course of erection on Park row, was blown down.

A Blizzard Around Winsted.

WINSTED, Conn., Feb. 17.—A terrific wind has been blowing throughout northwestern Connecticut. The wind has assumed the violence of a blizzard. The trains on the Philadelphia, Reading and New England railroad are considerably behind time, as huge drifts are encountered between Winsted and Campbell Hall, N. Y.

Wind Blew a Roof Off.

MERIDEN, Conn., Feb. 17.—The roof of the Meriden Bronze company's building, which contained about 5,000 square feet, was blown off during the high wind and caused an estimated damage of $5,000. Several workmen had narrow escapes from being injured by pieces of timber which crashed through the ell of the factory.

Theater Wall Collapses.

CLINTON, Mass., Feb. 17.—In the midst of a terrific windstorm here the rear wall of the Cannon theater building, a four-story structure, collapsed. No one was injured. The damage cannot be estimated until an examination is made.

Freight Station Burned.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—The Philadelphia and Reading freight station at Front and Noble streets was completely destroyed by fire, together with a large quantity of merchandise, including both incoming and outgoing freight. The loss is estimated at from $100,000 to $125,000. The company carries its own insurance.

Steals Money to Find More.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Willie, sometimes called Eddie, Zeller is off for the Klondike, and it is charged that $3,000 belonging to his father has gone with him. Hence a request from the elder Zeller to the police to cause the arrest of the argonaut on his way to the land of gold. He is still at large.

Bishop Coxe's Widow Dead.

BUFFALO, Feb. 17.—A private telegram from Geneva, N. Y., received here, announces the death at that place of Mrs. Coxe, wife of the late Right Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D. D., bishop of western New York, who died suddenly in the summer of 1896.

American Woman Wedded In Cairo.

CAIRO, Feb. 17.—The marriage was solemnized yesterday at the United States agency, by the Rev. Mr. Harvey of Mr. T. Luis de Onativia and Mrs. Hastings Jerome of New York, in the presence of Consul General Harrison.

Ten Years For Manslaughter.

TRENTON, Feb. 17.—Clarence Doyle, who was convicted of murder in the second degree in the Mercer county court two weeks ago for the killing of Annie Haviland at Page's Corner some time ago, has been sentenced to serve a term of ten years and three months.

Death of a Centenarian.

GREENWICH, Conn., Feb. 17.—Eliza Wall, widow of Thomas Wall, is dead. She was 100 years old. Pneumonia was the cause of death. Up to a few days of her death she retained all her mental faculties. Two children survive her.

Clara Nevada Is Really Lost.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—A private telegram from Nanaimo, B. C., says that the steamer Queen has arrived there from Skagguay, Alaska, bringing confirmatory news of the loss of the steamer Clara Nevada.

THE HOUSE EXCITED.

Resolution of Sympathy For the Maine Victims.

THE BANKRUPTCY BILL DISCUSSED.

Debate on Coast Defenses a Feature of Senate Proceedings—Senator Morrill Speaks on Hawaiian Treaty—Other Business In Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The debate on the bankruptcy bill, which is to continue until Saturday, when a vote will be taken, opened in the house, but it attracted little attention, the interest of the members being entirely absorbed by the disaster to the Maine. At times the hall of the house was almost deserted, the members being congregated in the lobbies or cloakrooms discussing the accident and speculating upon its probable consequences.

Just before the house adjourned Mr. Boutelle, chairman of the naval committee, presented a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, expressing regret for the disaster, condolence with the families of those who lost their lives and sympathy with the injured.

The speakers on the bankruptcy bill were: In favor of the measure—Messrs. Henderson (Rep., Ia.), Lanham (Dem., Tex.) and Burke (Dem., Tex.) in opposition to it—Messrs. Underwood (Dem., Ala.), Bell (Pop., Colo.), Henry (Dem., Tex.), McRae (Dem., Ark.) and Cochran (Dem., Mo.).

In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A discussion upon coast defenses was the interesting feature of the senate yesterday. Many senators took the ground that the appropriations should be for the full amount of the estimates by the war department instead of some four millions less. Senators Perkins and Hale said that it was the policy of the appropriations committee to make an annual expenditure of $10,000,000 a year for the fortifications.

Senators Stewart, Hawley, Chandler and Lodge spoke in favor of increases. Senator Teller also advocated liberal expenditures and during his remarks made significant allusions to Cuba and Hawaii. In the early part of the day there was a discussion of the Kansas Pacific railroad sale, but no action was taken.

Senator Morrill of Vermont occupied the entire time of the executive session with a speech opposing the ratification of the Hawaiian annexation treaty. There was more than usual interest in the speech owing to the advanced age of the senator and to the fact that he is the only Republican senator who has so far spoken in opposition to the treaty. He read from manuscript and received the careful attention of all senators present. Mr. Morrill's speech was intended to show that the acquisition of the Hawaiian Islands would be against both good policy and the traditions of this country.

Knights of Pythias Elect Officers.

TRENTON, Feb. 17.—The New Jersey grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias, which is holding its annual sessions in this city, last night elected these officers: Grand chancellor, De Witt C. Cobb of Trenton; grand vice chancellor, Somers T. Champion of Atlantic Highlands, grand prelate, John P. Dexheimer of Orange; grand keeper of records and seals, George E. Pearson of Woodbury; grand master of exchequer, John Patrick of Rutherford; grand master at arms, John H. Conger of New Brunswick; grand inner guard, P. Hall Packer of Seabright; grand outer guard, T. S. Shanley of Jersey City; supreme representatives, Charles W. Bilbourn of New Brunswick, De Witt C. Bolton of Paterson and Ralph Donath of Jersey City.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed as follows: New Hampshire—Marlow, Charles A. Clapp. New York—Hague, Lee J. Palmer; Husteds, Charles D. Hamilton; Schultzeville, Lafayette P. Budd; Wyandale, Winfield J. Ryther. Pennsylvania—Gouldsboro, S. H. Rhodes, Henrietta, J. E. Hagey, Minnequa, Samuel N. Manley, Pomfort, Sylvester O. Reinhard.

Killed by an Express Train.

EVERETT, Mass., Feb. 17.—Thomas Moran gatetender, employed by the Boston and Maine railroad at East Everett, was killed by an express train yesterday. Moran had stepped upon the track to see if the train was coming, the snow blinding him so that he did not realize that it was so near him. He was 48 years old and unmarried.

In Memory of Marshall Newell.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 17.—In response to what seems to be a general desire, a permanent memorial will be erected at Harvard to Marshall Newell, who was killed on last Christmas eve at Springfield, Mass. It has been suggested that a new gate to the college yard would be most fitting, but its location has not yet been determined.

Train Collision In Massachusetts.

QUINCY, Mass., Feb. 17.—A freight train on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad collided with a special Ware train at the Quincy station, and both were thrown from the track. The collision was due to the storm. The only person injured was Engineer Frank White of the freight train. He was badly shaken up and hurt internally.

Disaster at Sea.

TENERIFFE, Canary Islands, Feb. 17.—The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique line steamer Flachat, bound from Marseilles for Colon, was totally wrecked on Anaga point, this island. Her captain, second officer, 11 of her crew and one passenger were saved. Thirty-eight of the crew and 49 passengers were lost.

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Ellen Osborn's ... ... Fashion Letter.

The Latest Overskirt, the Pretty Spring Hats and Other Seasonable Novelties.

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New York, Feb. 11.—The dressmakers, buyers and heads of dry goods departments who sailed for Paris after Christmas are returning, and the designers who retired into their inner consciousness to evolve ideas are emerging; so that it will be possible shortly for women who like to get their work "done up early" to provide themselves with a spring outfit and be free from dress worries.

Whatever may have been true in the past, it is not true now that the women of best social position devote any undue proportion of their time to their wardrobes. There is a period in the late winter and another in the early autumn when dresses are planned and ordered with an eye to form and color and a nice sense of suitability to the person and to occasions that have become part of a cultivated woman's education. In the midseason there are, probably, gaps to fill or necessary replenishments; but aside from these, once an outfit has been prepared, the subject is dismissed from the mind.

"Why, bless you, child," said a woman whose rank in the social world could hardly be questioned, when asked by a young visitor to take her shopping, "that's something for which I can't find time!"

A little while ago, when times were hard in the south, a southern woman from a "busted boom" town was staying with a northern sister and was urged to have some dressmaking done. She refused, saying that not a woman in her set could afford good clothes and that she couldn't look her friends in the face unless she were resepectably shabby. A feeling not wholly unlike this limits the number of gowns bought by some women who do not have to consider money. A successful toilette calls for such perfection of fit, such delicacy of color, harmonies and contrasts, such thought in the selection of ornaments and such care in every detail that many women who are rigorously exacting as to what they buy are equally careful not to buy profusely.

Said a woman of this order recently: "Every dress costs so many hours that I dare not appear before my friends in too many, else they will feel that I am squandering all my time."

Women like to keep up with the world's progress. Even if they did not if they had no hobbies in education art or philanthropy, the exertions of society, life itself would leave them less time to spend upon dress than is consumed by many women of smaller means who save a little money at bargain counters and special sales at the cost of a great amount of nerve force and vitality.

Economy of life commends the society woman's plan of settling dress questions, so far as possible, twice a year. The custom of the best society approves the purchase at these buying periods of a moderate number of costumes, varying with the demands of one's position, as artistically beautiful as taste can make them. A profession of too costly and unsuitable clothes marks the snob as plainly as neglect of the dress marks the person of little sensitiveness or refinement.

In early buying this season there are things to avoid. The success of the broad, striped sashes in Roman colors, which light up dark dresses amazingly, has led to the bringing out of dress silks in stripes and plaids of monstrous dimensions. In large, high rooms some of these might do for wall hangings but considered as costumes, even for giantesses, they are things to shudder at.

It is too late to order gowns with pouched bodices. The blouse effect will be seen for some time, but the incoming fashion, especially for evening dresses, is after the manner of a stomacher, in contrast with the bodice and embroidered or jeweled, with brace-like trimming on either side.

Spring dresses will be made with overskirts; but these will be as long as the underskirts, perhaps lifted at some point to show the contrasting material. A graceful design that appears with many varieties among the early models has a princess overdress opening in front over an underdress and bodice of a different color. I have by me some fine old prints of French and Italian costumes in the sixteenth century, from any one of a number of which this idea might have been adopted. One of the infants of Spain in 1598 shows a satin petticoat hemmed with a broad jeweled band. The overskirt of richly figured brocade flows back from the front and just touches the ground. It is trimmed up and down the sides with gold thread embroidery.

The overskirt of 20 years ago copied the ugly panniers of their sixteenth century originals, but failed to copy the longer flow of the draperies; ending below the knees, they cut the figure sadly. The overdresses of 1898 will omit the panniers but revert to the stately length of the days when hurry and rush were unknown.

It is an interesting fact that in the days from which we take the overskirt the hair was dressed much as it is now, turning back from the face and standing out at the sides.

The underskirt of 1898 is three yards and a half round. The outer skirt is much wider. Sleeves will become even smaller than they are and ruffles will continue rampant. Dresses for all formal occasions are made long, but the instinct of self-preservation stands out for short street dresses.

Spring hats, as thus far displayed, are almost evenly divided between the ugly pork-pie shapes affected this winter and straight brims. Fanciful toques in coarse grass and ribbon straws are numerous. Some are extremely pretty; others look as if they had been crushed in the two hands and then tied up with ribbons and flowers. A satin crown, a willow brim and a mass of white violets is a favorite combination. Large black hats are trimmed with tulips. A wide hat in reseda straw has knots of orange velvet under the brim and is trimmed with orange and pale yellow jouquils.

A dress which forms part of a February bride's trousseau is of powder blue cloth with a separate underskirt of red silk trimmed with narrow ruffles. The overskirt is brightened by red ribbons run about it at intervals and held by buttoned tops of blue. At one side are sash ends of the cloth—a newer fancy than ribbon sashes; these are edged by red silk ruches. The bodice is of powder blue silk with a front of white lace, upon which opens a surplice front of red silk drawn down straight on one side, draped across and edged with a silk ruche on the other. The hat for wear with this costume is of blue straw with black ostrich plumes.

A visiting dress recently finished and beautiful in color is of a delicate pearl-gray cloth with an underskirt of silk covered with green chiffon. The princess overdress opens down the front and is trimmed with an exquisite vine embroidery in gray, brown and old rose. The bodice has open fronts of gray cloth with gimp of chiffon over silk. There is a high cloth collar with square revers upon the shoulders. A four-in-hand tie of green velvet reaches to the waistband.

A dress worn by the hostess at a large reception was of black satin edged with jet. The skirt, which had a short train, was arranged in vandyke effects produced by narrow puffs of figured net made up over pink. Similar puffs ornamented the waist but were put on straight around.

Bicycle dresses, which on city streets are serviceable a good part of the winter, are made longer for spring wear than last season. The abuse of the short skirt with the brilliant plaid stockings has produced the inevitable reaction. Another reason, perhaps, lies in the fact that many women are using bicycle suits for rainy days walking costume; while others buy women—wear them mornings in the house, so as not to miss a chance of air and exercise through the delay of changing clothes. The bicycle doctors say, is cutting down the death rate.

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About April 1st we will move into the large salesroom, NO. 35 NORTH STREET, now occupied by MR. GEO. B. ADAMS From the first day that we opened our store at No. 8 East Main street, Middletown, our success has been phenomenal. We found we needed more room and added to our quarters the store next door, No. 6 East Main street. Even with that added room we have found that we cannot properly handle our trade in these cramped up quarters, so have taken a lease on store in Adams' Building, which will give us about 8,000 square feet of floor room. In that large store we want to do double the business we are doing here. Our system of selling strictly for cash, of having no losses in bad debts, enables us to sell good reliable merchandise cheaper than any credit house dares to sell.

There are now 1,500 million people in the world—140 million Protestants, 295 million Catholics, 8 million Hebrews, 175 million Mohamedans and 870 million Heathens. Here is more glory than we can well attend to, but we propose to sell our share of Dry Goods to the 1,500 million people. Our Great Removal Sale is now begun. We intend to wipe out our stock as near as possible before moving time comes. Our two stores and basements are stacked full of Dry Goods. They must go All profits are lost sight of. Come and buy goods at retail for the same price the dealers buy in bale and case lots.

Removal Sale of Calicoes, Muslins and Ginghams.
6,000 yards Best Indigo Blue Calico 3½c a yd.

Best Black Mourning and Silver Grey Calico
made. Elsewhere 6 and 7c. Removal sale price 4½c a yard.

Best Apron Gingham
made 4½c a yard.

Best Light Ground Calicoes
New patterns and colors 3½c a yard.

Outing Flannel
10c quality 6c a yard.

Best Cambric Skirt Lining
3c a yard.

"Take away women and what would follow?" shouted the western orator. "We would," said an excited man in the rear. It is just so with confidence in a store, business always follows it. The people have learned to have confidence in Tompkins' New Store.

A Sensation in Dress Fabrics
for our removal sale. Thrifty people who read over the following prices will at once acquire a new standard by which to measure unusual bargains. It is the astonishing reductions from usual prices that make this offer so remarkable. We don't want to move these goods into our new quarters, that's why they go at these prices.

At 10c a Yard,
Double Fold Dress Goods, former price 25c a yd

At 15c a Yard,
Double Fold Dress Goods, plain cashmere and fancy weaves, were 35c.

At 29c a Yard,
Fine 54c all wool fancy suitings, novelty goods and plaids, former price 50c a yard.

And in Higher Priced Goods
a like cut is made. 75 and 89c goods for 49c a yard, $1 and $1 25 goods for 75c a yard

Three of the best grades of Bleached Muslins made 6c a yard, worth 9c. So that all may get a share of this, only 10 yards to each customer.

Removal Sale
of Sheeting and Pillow Muslin Linens and Towels. Hotel people, you who keep summer boarders, the thrifty housewife come to this great removal sale for your muslins and linens, and buy enough to last you for years.

Bleached Sheeting.
2 yards wide 14c., worth 20c.
2¼ yards wide 16c., worth 22c.
2½ yards wide 17c., worth 25c.

Unbleached Sheeting.
2 yards wide 12c., worth 17c.
2¼ yards wide 13c., worth 18c.
2½ yards wide 15c., worth 19c.

Pillow Muslin.
1¼ yards wide, bleached 8c., unbleached 7c.

29c a Yard,
half bleached, 45c Table Linen.

35c a Yard,
Removal sale price of 50c Table Linen, 64 inches wide.

50c a Yard,
Elegant 69c grade of Bleached Damask Table Linen.

65c a Yard,
Removal sale price of best Satin Damask Bleached $1 Table Linen.

At 9c Each,
Good 12½c Huck Towels.

At 12½c Each,
Good Huck Towels, regular 18c value.

At 99c Per Dozen,
Good 21x21 inch Dinner Napkins.

$1.25 Per Dozen,
Large Dinner Napkins, worth $1 75.

Our $2 50, $3, $3 50 Napkins
at $1.98, $2.25 and $2.75 per dozen.

A Gingham Sale
Worth reading about. It's going to be a gingham season. There seems little doubt that the handsome, inexpensive, reliable, serviceable gingham is to re assume its place in the dress goods world, from which it was temporarily driven by the more elaborate organdie. All this makes the sale we have to tell about now more remarkable, as we have over 3,000 yards of almost-best-ginghams made in the world to sell during our removal sale at 8½c. A very low price for these would be 12½c. Another lot Dress Ginghams, regular 9c goods, removal sale price 5c a yard.

Ladies' Felt Alpine Hats,
Sailors and Soft Hats. Were $1 25, $1 and 75c each. Removal sale price 35c each.

Dressmakers.
What do you pay for the "Ever-Ready" Dress Steels? What do you pay for the Canfield Dress Shields? Tompkins' removal sale price "Ever-Ready" Dress Steels 8c a dozen. Canfield Dress Shields No 1, 17c.; No. 2, 22c.; No. 3, 28.

A Little Odd Lot of Blankets.
Just enough to advertise this one. They won't last the week out. They are the least bit soiled from handling, that's why they have these prices marked on them.

4 Pair $1 Blankets
65c a pair.

6 Pair $1.50 Blankets,
a little mussed and soiled, now 75c a pair.

3 Pair $2 50 Blankets,
Because a little mussed and soiled, $1 19 a pair

2 Pair $4 Blankets,
Soiled from handling, now $1.90 a pair.

3 Pair All Wool $8 Blankets
Now $2.85 a pair.

$12 Jackets for $5.
We have given you a succession of Jacket bargains. We think at this sale we have the climax for you. They are all made from Kersey cloth, half and full lined with silk, in black and colors, all sizes. $12 is regular price for these. Now marked down to $5 each.

Hosiery.
Three lots, with deep cut, for removal sale.

5c a Pair,
60 dozen Misses' or Boys' Fast Black Ribbed Hose. They are 12½c value.

10c a Pair,
Misses' or Boys' Wool Hose, plain or ribbed. They are regular 25c goods.

10c a Pair,
Men's Fine Grey Wool Sox, all sizes. They are 25c goods.

Some Handkerchief Prices
Regular prices are a thing we spend a great deal of time and money trying to avoid. The whole power of our house is devoted to making our figures less than regular. Here is a case in point — Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 8c value, removal sale price 3c each.

REMEMBER THE LOCATION,

Nos. 6-8 EAST MAIN STREET.

Ideal Treatment for Rheumatism.

The "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism removes at once the rheumatic poison from the system and the disease immediately disappears. Whilst the "Mystic Life Renewer" builds up the shattered nervous system, improves the digestion and restores the general health. It is the greatest cure for all nervous diseases and weakness as well as the most powerful nerve builder known.

Sold by J. E. Mills, 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

Casino Theatre

ONE WEEK,

Commencing Monday, Feb. 14

THE SAWTELLE DRAMATIC CO.

AND

IMPERIAL CONCERT ORCHESTRA.

A change of play at each performance. Special scenery, strong specialties, new songs, new dances, new muzic. Miss Jessie Sawtelle and a strong support in a carefully selected repertoire of plays.

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FRIDAY.....STREETS OF NEW YORK
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AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS
Daily Matinees, Commencing Tuesday.

PRICES:

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"The High Grade Wheel of Minstrels,"

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GORTON'S FAMOUS NEW ORLEANS MINSTRELS!

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A Handsome Complexion
is one of the greatest charms a woman can possess. POMONI'S COMPLEXION POWDER gives it.

AN ORGAN RECITAL

Will Be Given at Grace Church, Feb. 22, by Harvey Wickham.

Harvey Wickham's next organ recital will introduce another well known singer to Middletown. Mr. Wickham will give a second organ recital at Grace Church, on the evening of Washington's birthday. He will be assisted by Frederick Downs, solo tenor of the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn. Those who enjoyed the treat which was given when Dr. Martin appeared at the recital a few weeks ago will not miss this opportunity of listening to another vocalist whom Mr. Wickham brings to this city. There will be no admission fee beyond the offertory.

SENTENCE OF PRISONERS.

Judge Beattie Metes Out Justice to Prisoners Convicted in the County Court.

Judge Beattie in the County Court at Newburgh, Wednesday, pronounced the following sentences:

Thomas Ray, Newburgh, receiving stolen goods, two years in prison.

Charles Cronk, Port Jervis, burglary in third degree and receiving stolen goods, Elmira Reformatory.

Frank Cassedy, New Windsor, highway robbery, Elmira Reformatory.

James Cody, who pleaded guilty to burglary and receiving stolen goods, sentence suspended.

ULSTER COUNTY BONDS.

Brought Big Premiums When Sold Tuesday.

Ulster County's Treasurer sold, Tuesday, $75,000 of refunding bonds bearing four per cent. interest and falling due in annual installments of $3,000, the last maturing in 1923. The refunding bonds, with the exception of $9,000 worth, were bought by the Rondout and Ulster County Savings Banks at prices ranging from 100.96 and 117.02. The court house extension bonds, $35.000, were sold to the Rondout Savings Bank for 115.10.

The prices offered were the highest ever reached for Ulster county bonds.

SNOW BANKS ALONG THE O. AND W.

Tore Off a Running Board and a Car Step From Train 8, This Morning.

The O. and W.'s Sullivan County Express experienced considerable difficulty along the line, this morning. Snow drifts, which threatened to derail the engine, were encountered at several points. One of these tore off the right hand running board of the engine and a step from one of the cars. The vestibule of the first car was packed full of snow.

Rockland County's Supervisors Opposed to Giving the District Attorney an Assistant.

Rockland county's supervisors at a meeting, Monday, adopted a resolution asking Assemblyman Brown to oppose the bill providing for the appointment of an Assistant District Attorney. The measure was favored by the last Grand Jury and the District Attorney is very much of the opinion that he needs an assistant.

Holiday Schedule on the Erie.

The Erie announces that on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, they will run trains on holiday schedule as follows: East, the Orange county at 7:10, No. 38 at 10.48 a. m., and No. 22 at 7:26 p. m., and No. 9 west at 11:25 a. m. will run in addition to the regular Sunday schedule effective on that date. No train will, however, go east at 8:23 a. m., nor will there be any Newburgh connection with the Orange county in the morning. 74d4t

A Faithful Public Servant.

For thirty-two years Henry Bishop has carried the mail daily, except Sunday, from Brodhead's Bridge to Samsonville, Ulster county. The distance is about ten miles and the veteran makes the trip on foot. Rain or shine, hot or cold, mud or snow is all one to him. During his service of nearly one-third of a century he has lost, it is said, an average of less than one trip a year.

A Railroad Freight House Robbed.

The freight house at Hainesburg Junction, N. J., used jointly by the Lehigh and New England and Susquehanna railroads, was broken into on Feb. 6th and robbed of dry goods and shoes consigned to parties in Goshen, Deckertown and Blairstown.

Wind Scattered the Baker's Cakes and Pies.

Blake, the North End baker, was driving through East Main street at Railroad avenue, Wednesday afternoon, when the wind caught the wagon and turned it over. The cakes and pies were sent flying about the neighborhood.

High Prices for Cows in Delaware County.

At the recent auction of J. R. Nesbitt, at Fergusonville, Delaware county, six two-year-old Jersey heifers, which have never given milk, averaged $35.33, another two-year-old brought $39.50 and the whole herd proportionately high prices.

O. and W. Conductors' Contest.

In the Norwich *Sun's* O. and W. conductors' contest C. J. Eagan leads with 210 votes. J. E. Brown is next with 105. George Geer, "Shorty" Vaughn, R. S. Adgate, George Closs and Will Kirby have one vote each.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

To Be Held in This City Friday and Saturday—The Programme.

A farmers Institute will be held in the Assembly Rooms this county Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19, under the direction of Prof. W. H. Jordan, director of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, N. Y. and F. E. Dawley, director of the Bureau of Farmer's Institutes.

The following programme has been arranged:

FRIDAY, FEB. 18.

10:30 a. m.—Opening address, Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D.; Response by Conductor; Country Roads, W. B. Royce; Discussion.

2 p. m.—Question Box. What Is Modern Farming? Herbert W. Collingwood, editor *Rural New-Yorker;* Both Sides of Poultry for Profit, O. W. Mapes.

7 p. m.—Question Box, the Fertility Problem, Prof. Edward B. Voorhees, Director State Experiment Station, New Jersey; Down on the Farm, Mr. Collingwood; Profit, Hon. Franklin Dye, Secretary State Board of Agriculture, Trenton, N. J. Floral culture, Mrs. Belding.

SATURDAY, FEB. 19.

10 a. m.—Question Box, Aids to Success, Martin E. Lee, Westtown; Maintaining a Milk Flow, Prof. C. B. Lane, New Jersey State Experiment Station.

2 p. m.—Question Box, Our Milk Markets, George A. Smith, New York State Department of Agriculture; the Effect of Food on the Quality and Flavor of Milk, Discussion led by Mr. Smith.

On account of Excelsiors' social in the Assembly Rooms, Friday evening's session will be held in the lecture room of the First Congregational Church.

One Dollar to New York on Washington's Birthday.

The Erie announces a $1 excursion to New York on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22d. Tickets good going only on the Orange County Express, leaving Middletown at 7:10 a. m., Main street at 7:12 a. m., and to return on any train that day except No. 5. Matinees at all the principal theatres and other numerous attractions make it possible to spend a delightful day in the city at a very small cost. dtd

A BARBAROUS SURGICAL OPERATION

For the Cure of Piles.

Is not only intensely painful, dangerous to life and very expensive, but in the light of modern medical research and since the discovery of the Pyramid Pile Cure a surgical operation is wholly unnecessary. If you have any doubt on the point kindly read the following letter from people who know that our claims regarding the merits of the Pyramid Pile Cure are borne out by the facts.

From N. A. Stall, Ridge Road, Niagara Co., N. Y.: I received your Pyramid Pile Cure and tested it last night. It did me more good than anything I have ever found yet, and remember this was the result of one night's treatment only.

From Penn W. Arnett, Batesville, Ark. Gentleman:—Your Pyramid Pile Cure has done me so much good in so short a time that my son-in-law, Capt. T. J. Klein, Fort Smith, Ark., has written me for your address, as he wishes to try it also.

From A. E. Townsend. Benville, Ind.: I have been so much benefitted by the Pyramid Pile Cure that I enclose $1 for which please send a package which I wish to give to a friend of mine who suffers very much from piles.

From John H. Wright, Clinton, DeWitt Co., Ills.: I am so well pleased with the Pyramid Pile Cure that I think it but right to drop you a few lines to inform you its effects have been all that I could ask or wish.

From P. A. Bruton, Llano, Tex.: Gentlemen:—The Pyramid Pile Cure has done so much good for me that I will say for the benefit of others that after using only two days I am better than I have been for months.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is prepared by The Pyramid Drug Co. of Marshall, Mich. and it is truly a wonderful remedy for all forms of piles. So great has been the the number of testimonial letters received by them from all parts of the country that they have decided to publish each week a number of such letters.

All druggists recommend the Pyramid Pile Cure, as they know from what their customers say that no remedy gives such general satisfaction.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on perscription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. W. D. Olney.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. W. D. Olney.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

WET WEATHER ROADS.

They Are Badly Needed in Every Part of the Country.

Perhaps never does the need of good roads manifest itself so strongly in a community of farmers as where they attempt to carry on a cooperative enterprise, such as a creamery or a cheese factory. So long as the farmer remains at home on his own land, it makes no difference to him whether his roads be smooth as asphalt or rough and stony as a mountain pass; or whether they be hard and level like the English highways of macadam or soft and sticky like the ground about the pigsty. It is only when it comes to going to town, especially if it be with a load of crops, that the condition of the highway cuts any figure. And it becomes more important than ever where farmers are obliged to drive to a creamery each day in the year with their milk. In most of the states, dairying has only of late become a great industry, but its continued growth calls more loudly than ever for the construction of roads which will enable the creamery patrons to deliver their milk without wearing out their horses, whenever the weather takes an unfavorable turn. Wet weather roads are needed here, and dairying can never be a complete success without them. Ex-Gov. William

EX-GOV. W. D. HOARD.
(President of National Dairy Union.)

D. Hoard, the president of the National Dairy union, is a strong advocate of good roads; his experience has taught him how essential they are to dairy farmers. As vice president of the Wisconsin League for Good Roads, Mr. Hoard has most forcibly stated the case from the dairyman's standpoint.

"Modern dairying," says Gov. Hoard, "is usually grouped around the creamery and the cheese factory. On good roads, where from one to two tons of milk can be hauled to the factory with ease and safety, the cost is naturally lower than where a much less quantity can be hauled. It follows then that the condition of the roads is a direct living factor in the cost of hauling. A limited calculation would give you, I think, a new view of the situation. There are in Wisconsin, for instance, about 2,500 cheese factories and creameries. To each one of these every morning there comes an average of say 40 farmers with their milk. Now that number of factories or creameries represents 100,000 farmers who certainly ought to be interested in the improvement of roads from a business standpoint. In all kinds of weather, every morning in the year, rain or shine, good roads or bad roads, must they take their milk a distance varying from half a mile to five miles to the factory, and haul their skim milk back over the same route. Dairy farmers as a rule are the most enterprising and progressive of any class of farmers. Does not their own fortune as well as good name require that 'they get together' at every cheese factory and creamery and unite cooperatively for an intelligent building of good roads?"

Better means of communication are becoming more and more essential, not alone to dairymen, but to all farmers alike. Farmers should be made less dependent upon the weather. Agriculture in the United States has developed to a point where time is valuable in this pursuit and it should be made possible for farmers to get to town after a rain, when the land is still too wet for farm work. Many of them would avail themselves of this opportunity if they had it. But they cannot themselves undertake the construction of good roads upon all main lines of travel leading to market towns. No community of farmers could burden itself with their cost. The city population is interested in the improvement of country roads, and should contribute to its expense, through the medium of state aid. This is being done in Massachusetts, in New Jersey and in Connecticut. New York and Pennsylvania are about to introduce a similar system, laws for the purpose being now before the legislatures of those two states. By the state aid system, the expense of country roads is divided between the state which pays from one-third to one-half of their cost, the owners of the adjoining property, who pay about one-tenth, and the county. State and county taxes being levied upon every taxpayer in proportion to his wealth, the state aid system makes it possible to obtain contributions to the cost of good roads from railroad, insurance, street railway and telegraph companies and from the wealthy citizens in the cities, thus relieving the farmer of a considerable burden which would fall entirely upon him if all road building was to be done by the township officers, through township taxes. If the farmer wants good roads, and we know that he wants them, he should insist upon state aid in their construction.—Cleveland Cycling Gazette.

In pruning the grapes, usually plenty of good cuttings can be secured.

Two ways to use up clothes—rubbing them on a washboard, and washing them with harmful things. Unless you want to waste money, don't do either. Use Pearline. Use Pearline rightly, and there's no washboard needed. No rubbing to speak of. No wear. No hard work. As for the safety and utter harmlessness of Pearline, let its twenty years of uninterrupted and constantly-growing success talk. Anything that hurts or weakens the clothes couldn't be used, year in and year out, by millions of careful women. 555

Beware Peddlers and some unscrupulous grocers will tell you, "this is as good as" or "the same as Pearline." IT'S FALSE—Pearline is never peddled; if your grocer sends you an imitation, be honest—*send it back.* JAMES PYLE, New York.

Truthful Advertising Will Sell Honest Goods!

If the price is right, and we have always prided ourselves on the "Know how to make them right." Look at our two windows, described below, and you will come over to the majority (the Economy side), if not there already.

CHILDREN'S CAMEL HAIR VESTS at 7, 9, 12c.

CHILDREN'S GREY MERINO VESTS 3, 6, 11c.

MEN'S SCARLET DRAWERS, all wool, were $1, at 65c.

LADIES' WOOL VESTS, white, reduced to 50c.

LADIES' UNION SUITS, were $1 and $1.39, reduced to 69 and 89c.

MEN'S UNDERSHIRTS 21, 29, 35c., worth half as much more.

At these prices you can afford to buy for next season. Three months more of cold weather as it is.

A DINNER PAIL, compartments and all the fixings, 10c

6-QUART GRANITE SAUCE PAN 23c.

2-QUART TEA OR COFFEE POT, granite iron, 35c.

HEAVY TINNED PRESERVE KETTLES 8, 10, 14c.

NICKEL PLATED TEA POTS with copper bottom, 32c.

Above goods direct from makers.

DUST PANS, Japanned, 5c.

BOX PAPERS from the mill—Paper quality not box quality.
15c quality, 10c.
18c quality, 12c.
25c quality, 19c.

TOILET PAPER, sheets or rolls, 2½c.

SHELF PAPERS—36 inch sheets, fancy perforated, per dozen, 1c.

25c LACE, 7 inches wide, Point Venise is the technical name, reduced to 9c.

RIBBON REDUCTIONS—10 pieces Fancy Ribbon, 5 inches wide, at 7½c.

15 pieces, colors, were 9 to 25c., at ½c.

30 pieces reduced to 5c.

A GOOD CORSET 25c., special value.

TABLE DOYDIES, blue or white, bordered or checks, 2½c

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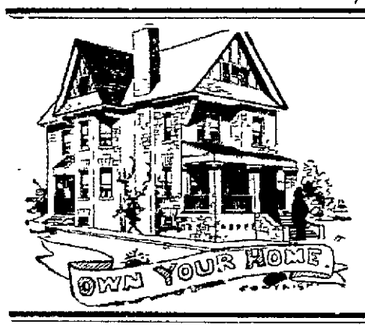

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Increasing cloudiness to-night; light snow Friday; warmer, variable winds, becoming southeasterly.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 12°; 12 m., 28°; 3 p. m., 38°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Feb. 14-18—Fair of St. Joseph's Society, at Assembly Rooms.
—Feb. 14-19—Sawtelle Dramatic Co., at Casino
—Feb. 17—VanLaer, English Art, Literary Club's lecture course.
—Feb. 17—Social at First Baptist Church.
—Feb. 21—Twenty-fifth annual reception, McQuoid Engine Company.
—Feb 21—Second annual reception of N. Y., S. and W. Railroad employes, at Assembly Rooms.
—Feb. 22—Excursion to New York, via Erie Railroad.
—Feb. 22—Organ recital, at Grace Church.
—Feb. 22—Ball of Jr. O. U. A. M., at Assembly Rooms.
—Feb. 22—Anniversary of K. of P., at Castle Hall.
—Feb. 23—"Mr Reane from Boston," at Casino
—Feb. 25—Kennan, Russia, Literary Club's lecture course
—March 9—Gorton's famous New Orleans Minstrels, at Casino, under management of George Lea.
—March 17—Reception and ball of St. Patrick's Social Club, at Assembly Rooms.
—March 25—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary Club's lecture course.
—April 15—John Thomas Concert Co., at Casino

The sinking of the Maine with the loss of over 250 lives directs attention to the opinion expressed by an English naval officer of high degree, after the Camperdown disaster, that the modern battleship is a greater menace to her own crew than to that of any vessel which she may engage in battle.

The National Woman Suffrage Association has dropped three states for nonpayment of dues, and, curiously enough, in two of those states, Colorado and Utah, woman suffrage now prevails. This would seem to mean that the women of those states, having secured political equality for themselves, don't care to help lift their sisters in other states to the same plane. It is barely possible, though, that they have found the possession of the ballot a thing so little worth having that they have lost all interest in the agitation for the extension of the suffrage.

The State Board of Canvassers in obedience to a mandamus met, Wednesday, and canvassed the five votes which Coleridge A. Hart, of Brooklyn, received at the last election for Justice of the Supreme Court in this district. The Board refused to declare Mr. Hart elected and he will apply for a mandamus to compel the Board to make such a declaration. Thus he expects the courts to pass on his claim that the election of Judge Pratt's successor in 1896 was illegal, because Judge Pratt died one day too late for an election to be held that year, and there having been no legal election then, there was a vacancy to which he was duly elected last fall.

It is not likely that the cause of the explosion which sent the Maine to the bottom of Havana harbor will ever be definitely known. The most reliable of the strangely meagre reports that have reached this country seem to indicate that the explosion came from within the ship, and this can be definitely determined when divers examine the ship and report as to whether the shattered plates on the vessel's keel are bent in or out. But even if it is decided that the explosion occurred in the vessel's magazine or that one of its boilers blew up, the cause that is back of the explosion is likely to remain a mystery, and it will be next to impossible to convince Cuban sympathizers that it was not due to Spanish malevolence and fiendishness. And if it should happen that the divers' investigation shows that the explosion of a mine or a torpedo sent the ship to the bottom, all disavowals of responsibility by the Spanish government will help matters but little, for hundreds of thousands of Americans will clamor for vengeance against the whole Spanish people and seek to hold that nation responsible for the acts of a few individuals.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

—It is talked in railroad circles that when the Adams Company's contract expires the express business of the O. and W. will probably pass into the hands of the National.

A Sensible Man

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THE LOST MAINE.

Few New Facts Concerning the Disaster.

A STARTLING STORY!

A Torpedo Hole Said to Be in Her Bottom.

DISCREDITED AT WASHINGTON

No Reason Known There for Believing That the Explosion Came from Outside the Vessel—Torpedo Story Ridiculed by the Navy Department—An Eye Witness's Story—The Sea Giving Up Its Dead—Visitors Were on the Maine, Tuesday Afternoon—Bomb Might Have Been Left Near the Magazine.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The correspondent of the Associated Press at Key West telegraphs that he has been assured in a reliable quarter that Capt. Sigsbee is under the impression that the Maine was blown up by a floating torpedo and that he has communicated his impressions to Washington, asking at the same time that the naval department should send naval engineers and mechanics to investigate the cause of the explosion.

When this despatch was shown Lieut. Whittlesey, of the navy department, who has been deputed by Secretary Long to receive all despatches on the subject, he said: "We have absolutely nothing from Havana or Key West since the last despatch of Sigsbee announcing the departure of the Olivette. I do not think the torpedo theory tenable and I do not believe Capt. Sigsbee has expressed such an opinion."

CANNOT BE VERIFIED.

The regular staff correspondent of the Associated Press at Key West telegraphs from there at 11:35, this morning, that a report of finding a hole in the hull of the Maine, evidently caused by a torpedo was sent from Havana just before the Olivette sailed and from a source regarded as reliable, but cannot be verified owing to the strict censorship of despatches sent from Havana. The report is not verified by officers of the Maine, who arrived at Key West from Havana.

A MORE STARTLING STORY.

Another Key West despatch from a a source not regarded as strictly reliable says: Information received from Havana by the steamer Olivette, indicate that divers working on the wreckage have discovered an eight-inch percussion hole in a plate on the Maine's bottom.

KEY WEST STORY DISCREDITED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—The dispatch from Key West regarding the finding o a hole in the bottom of the Maine was shown the President, this morning. His only comment was that it was the first he had heard of it.

The President does not wish to make any statement concerning the reports that come regarding the disaster, but he permitted the fact to be known that the administration had no advisces tending to confirm the Key West report.

The Navy Department absolutely disregards the Key West story. Secretary Long says there is no such thing as a percussion hole, that there is no eight inch torpedo and there is no way in which such a hole could be accounted for.

Secretary Long also positively denies that Capt. Sigsbee has, in any suppressed telegram, expressed the opinion that a torpedo caused the disaster or that it was due to an external cause.

Admiral Sickard has telegraphed the department that he has detailed the following officers as a court of inquiry to investigate the disaster: Capt. Sampson, Capt. Chadwick, Lieut. Commander Schroeder and Lieut. Commander Marix

OPINIONS OF OFFICERS AND MEN.

KEY WEST, Feb. 17.—The Associated Press correspondent here has had opportunity to question a number of officers and men who were aboard the warship Maine at the time of the explosion and they all express the opinion that the explosion was due to some interior cause, and not the result of an explosion of a torpedo from outside.

AN EYE WITNESS' STORY.

KEY WEST, Feb. 17.—Joseph Mann, of Providence, R. I., a passenger on the Olivette, says he was aboard the Washington, lying 100 feet from the Maine. The first report was not so heavy as the one that followed. The latter was tremendous. Where the Maine lay the air was full of flying fragments. He could see human legs and arms in the air. The Maine sank in three minutes. The explosion was heard sixty miles. One man was thrown fifty feet. Only one of the Maine's officers was ashore when the explosion occurred.

THE SEA GIVING UP THE DEAD.

Bodies of Thirteen Victims of the Maine Disaster Washed Ashore.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—Thirteen badly mutilated bodies were washed ashore this morning, at Regla and Casa Blanca, opposite Havana, and were brought here immediately. Seven were identified as those of Graham, McDonald, Kays, Nero, Kinsman, Dorkins and Brown.

They will be buried this afternoon. The Mayor will head the procession and

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Skins on fire with torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, and pimply humors, instantly relieved by a warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP, a single application of CUTICURA (ointment), the great skin cure, and a full dose of CUTICURA RESOLVENT.

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the burial expenses will be paid by the city. Gen. Solano will represent Blanco.

LATER.—So far only twenty-one bodies have been recovered at various points along the shore. Two headless bodies have just been taken to the morgue. Many fragments of bodies have been found in the bay.

Pedro Peroly Caballero has been appointed by the naval authorities as military judge to investigate the disaster.

VISITORS ON THE MAINE.

Strangers Were on Board and a Bomb Might Have Been Deposited Near the Magazine.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The *Evening World* has received from its Havana correspondent the following reply to an inquiry as to whether strangers were allowed on the Maine on the day of the disaster:

"Yes. Visitors were on the Maine all afternoon and bomb might have been deposited near magazine as I have already cabled."

HAVANA, Feb. 17—Visitors were allowed on the Maine all the afternoon of the day of the explosion. The keys of the magazine were found, this morning, hanging in their proper place.

THE MAINE DISASTER.

Commission of Spanish and American Naval Officers to Investigate It.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Capt. Sigsbee has cabled to Washington that it is advisible to send no more warships to Havana, but that relief boats are needed. The Mangrove has arrived and the Laurel is expected.

Admiral Mantorola has summoned Capt. Sigsbee to appear before the military judge and Marquis Quesnod has notified him also that a joint committee of American and Spanish naval officers will be appointed to investigate the disaster. It will consist of twenty-four officers.

The authentic figures, to-day, are 251 dead and 104 saved.

ABSOLUTELY A MYSTERY.

Maine's Magazine Had Been Inspected and Closed at 8 o'clock.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

KEY WEST, Feb. 17.—The Olivette, with sixty-two survivors on board arrived here at 10:30 last night. She had on board twenty of the wounded, ten of them seriously and one fatally hurt.

Purser Denison, of the Olivette, says the explosion is absolutely a mystery to everybody. It occurred apparently in the forward magazine, just forward of amidships and below the water line. The coal bunkers are outside the magazine which had been inspected at 8 o'clock that evening. The temperature was 59. The keys were given to Captain Sigsbee. The men went to their hammocks soon after 9 o'clock.

MANY MINERS KILLED.

Explosion of Fire Damp Caused Great Fatality in a Prussian Mine.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BERCHUM PRUSSIA, Feb. 17.—A terrible explosion of fire damp occurred in the Vereingto Carolinengluck collieries at Hamme, this morning. Thirty-seven bodies have been recovered and it is believed fifty perished. Many others were injured.

Operation at Thrall Hospital, To-day.

James Cox, of 31 Ogden street, this city, was operated upon at Thrall Hospital, to-day, for necrosis of the mastoid bone by Dr. Connor, assisted by Dr. Neal, of Ellenville, Dr Pillsbury, Dr. Redfield and Dr. Hanmer. It was successful and an early recovery is looked for.

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Columbias -:- Chainless $125, Regular $75.
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1,000 yards Bates' Seer sucker, the 12½c kind, 6½c.

1,500 yards Dress Ginghams, the 8c kind, 4½c

2,000 yards Madder Prints, the 5c kind, 3½c.

10 styles Dress Patterns, reduced from $2.79, $1.95 per dress.

10 styles Dress Patterns, reduced from $2.39, $1.69 per dress.

50 doz. extra heavy Ribbed Hose, size 5 to 9½, 10c a pair.

50 doz. Ladies' Black Hose, the 15c kind, at 10c a pair.

A few only of our low prices. Come and compare.

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No. 39 North Street.

My last year's magazines that I had bound at McINTYRE'S BINDERY, 32 North St., Middletown, look fine and the price was all right.

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Capes and Jackets.

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ON TIME!

Yes, we're bound to be on time always. This time it is with a large line of Spring Suitings and Trouserings. You will see a display of them in our east window. They are UP-TO-DATE, every one of them, and an early order will prove satisfactory to the buyer, as there are some patterns shown now that can't be duplicated later in the season, and they won't cost you a cent more now than they would in July or August.

All Winter Overcoats, Heavy Gloves, Horse Blankets, Robes, etc., must go now—and go quickly. The time is on for a grand rush for bargains.

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OUR ANNUAL CLEARING SALE OF

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks Begins Monday, Jan. 3d

We have about 300 Cloaks to select from in all grades. Below we quote a few numbers—Our regular $12.95 coat now $7.95, our regular $10 coat now $6.40, our regular $8.95 coat now $4.75, our regular $5.98 coat now $2.98. Remember these are all facts, no sham figures. We stick to our custom, never advertise unless we have the article. Any one needing a Coat or Cape, should not lose sight of this opportunity at our handsome store.

L. STERN, 13-15 NORTH ST.

Still selling fine plaid, all lined Shirt Waists, regular $1 kind, for 50 cents.

WE ARE JUST

Taking our annual inventory for the 25th time, and we arise to remark, look out for us this spring. You have heard of "blood on the moon," and a twinkle in your eye, etc., but you have not heard, no, not even dreamed, of the prices we are going to offer on

FURNITURE, Carpets and Crockery

this spring. It won't be necessary to go out of our city to get goods cheap or find an assortment as we have, about seven car loads on the way.

—

C. Emmet Crawford,

44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

What's in a name? Petrolatum or Vaseline? The official name is Petrolatum—See U. S. Dispensatory. Vaseline is the copyright name of the Cheesebrough Mfg Co., whose price for its BEST product is 15c for a 2 oz. bottle, 35c for a 5 oz. bottle. (They also make a cheaper grade.) Our price for our BEST Petrolatum, warranted equal in medicinal effect and purity to best Vaseline, and in handsomer and more convenient jars, is 5 cents for a 2 oz. jar, 10c for a 5 oz. jar. Also in cans at lower prices for larger uses in house or stable. Buy on the merit of an article, not on a name.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)

See our south window.

Nature's Headache Powders. Their name denotes their use. Hundreds of people attest their merits. Headache comes without warning. Have the cure ready to meet it Late hours, excitement, weariness and travel invite headache. Nature's Headache Powders will cure it. Have a supply of them with you at home or abroad. Nature's Headache Powders (4 powders for 10 cts) A single powder often gives complete relief in a few minutes. Safe, effectual and harmless. Made and sold only by

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WALL PAPER.

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A little early, but our prices keep it moving. VERY LATEST DESIGNS received last week. Big bargains in

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FRANCE & HATHAWAY,

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—House and barn to let.
—Sausage 10c at Greening's.
—Situations wanted.
—Shoes repaired cheap by Craig.
—Arbuckle coffee 10c a pound by J. W. Sloat.
—"Mr. Beane from Boston," at Casino, Feb. 23
—New hats for spring at Budwig & Co.'s.
—Fresh cod 5c at Harford's market.
—When ailing, take Munyon's Remedies.
—Backache cured by Benson's Capcine Plasters
—Colds cured by Hale's Horehound, Honey and Tar.
—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Dean's Dyspeosia Pills
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.

—"Infatuation" at the Casino, to-night,

—"Mr. Beane from Boston" at the Casino, next Wednesday evening.

—Matinee, at the Casino, to-morrow and Saturday afternoon, by the Sawtelle company.

—W. W. Pelton, of Warwick, sold, the other day, a grade Holstein cow, which tipped the scales at 1,710 pounds.

—"English Art" will be the subject of Mr. Van Laer's lecture in the First Presbyterian Church lecture room, to-night.

—The Ladies' Guild, of St. Luke's Church, Fishkill, has contracted for an electric light plant to furnish light to the church.

—Twenty-two persons joined the Hobert, Delaware county, Presbyterian Church, Sunday, by profession of faith and one by letter.

—Surveys for the electric road projected from Delhi to Andes and Bovina, show that the gradr is nowhere greater than 150 feet to the mile.

—Philip Fitch claims he caught one night recently 120 pounds of rats, and it wasn't much of a night for rats either.—*Hancock Herald.*

—Don't forget the Sawtelle Dramatic company will produce "Infatuation" at the Casino, this evening. Prices only ten-twenty and thirty cents.

—Mr. Van Laer's lecture on "English Art," in the literary clubs' course, will be delivered in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church, to-night.

—The proposition to bond the town of Hancock for $10,000 with which to build a new iron bridge over the East Branch at Harvard, was defeated by a vote of 435 to 382.

—Remember the entertainment "Advertisement Night," by the Young Girls' Guild of Grace Church, at the home of Dr. Pillsbury, next Monday evening. Admission 25 cents. 2t

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. D. W. Harding and children went to Washington, to-day.

—Mrs. Chas. G. Baldwin, who has been seriously ill, shows some improvement to-day.

—Wm. A. White, who is employed by the O. and W. at Middletown, spent Sunday in Walton—*Times.*

—Attorney John P. Sears, of Montgomery, was in this city, yesterday, on professional business.

—Joseph A. Crosby, the Western Union operator, who has been relieving the manager at Paterson, has returned to this city.

—The lad named Carr, who was injured at New Hampton, while assisting in gathering ice, is slowly recovering under Dr. Shelley's care.

—Hon. A. J. Durland, who was suddenly called west, a few weeks ago, by the death of his wife's father, has returned to this city and may be found at his office in the Wilcox building, North street.

—Mrs. A. G. St. John and son, James G., left for Washington, D. C., Monday, to visit her brother, Hon. J. H. Davidson. They expect to visit friends at Westtown, Orange county, and other places before they return.—*Downsville News.*

A NARROW ESCAPE.

An Old Man Almost Run Down at the Erie Station.

The Erie flanger was sent over the eastern division, to-day, to remove the drifts which had formed. As it passed through this city an old man nearly lost his life at the James street station. A man who was on the front of the flanger pushed him out of the way just in time to prevent a fatality.

The escape was witnessed by a number of people who were quite confident that a rescue was impossible. Their relief on seeing the imperiled man pushed safely out of the way may be imagined.

WERE ON THE MAINE.

Three Orange County Men Among the Saved—No Tidings of a Newburgh Boy

Chief Engineer C. P. Howell, of the ill-fated battle ship Maine, is among the survivors of the accident. He is a brother of Mark Howell, of Goshen. Lieut. Catlin and Gunners' Mate Charles H. Bullock, of Newburgh, are also among the saved.

William Holmes, a Newburgh boy, was transferred to the Maine from the training ship Essex, shortly before she sailed for Havana, but his name does not appear in the lists of the lost or saved.

No Rehearsal at Grace Church, To-night

The regular rehearsal of Grace Church choir will be omitted, this evening, but the Saturday evening rehearsal will be held as usual. Choir members are asked to bear this in mind.

Police Court.

—Recorder Barnes fined one drunk $3, this morning, and it was paid.

—Wm. Keogh will be tried at 4 o'clock, this afternoon, for non-support of the wife he married in the Council rooms, a few weeks ago.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY'S FAIR.

Good Attendance Last Night Despite the Bad Weather—The Lucky Ones—Fair To Be Continued In Nearing Hall for Three Nights.

The interest in the fair of St. Joseph's I. C. B. U. shows no signs of abating. Despite the weather, there was a good attendance at the Assembly Rooms, Wednesday night, and the constantly moving throng were liberal in their distribution of cash.

The programme was a good one and each participant received the hearty applause of the audience. The prize winners were:

Carpet sweeper (Millspaugh & Co.)—Mrs. A. Bustard, No. 12.
Sofa pillow (Martha Darby)—David Sparks, No. 12.
Twenty-five pounds mince meat (Armour & Co.) Mrs. C. Moore, No. 43.
Pair vases (A. and P. Tea Co.)—Annie Carroll, No. 28.
Twenty-five pounds lard (Middletown Beef Co.) Thos. Donovan, No. 48.
Silver tea pot (F. D. Kernochan)—Nellie Glynn, No. 4.
Chenille table cover (J. D. Horton)—Ella Carmody, No. 39.
1 dozen cologne (McMonagle & Rogers)—Stephen Wolf, No. 40.
10 pounds sausage (W. J. Greening)—M. J. Cashman, No. 26.
Fancy pin cushion (Katie Killeen)—B. Haley, No. 12.
Toilet waters (E. W. Everson)—Kittie Burns, No. 18.
1 ham (Lewis Finch)—F. A. Phillips, No. 17.

The vote on the bicycle contest is as follows:

Katie Cannon	57
Mamie Sheerin	50
Anna Daley	120

The bad weather having interfered somewhat with the attendance on the fair, and there being many things stil to be disposed of, the managers have decided to remove the fair from the Assembly Rooms to the society's own rooms in the Nearing building and the fair will be held there to-night and Friday and Saturday nights.

CONCORDIA COUNCIL'S STAG.

Its Tenth Anniversary Celebrated by an Entertainment and Smoker.

Concordia Council, No. 1,077, Royal Arcanum, celebrated its tenth anniversary, Wednesday night, by an entertainment and smoker in the hall of Lancelot Lodge, K. of P. About forty members and friends were present.

The evening's programme included H. W. Durland, a humorous comedian and monologist, of New York, who was especially good in trick violin playing. Vincent Maggio and his partner, Mr. Hardy, played several guitar and concertina selections which were applauded.

The cigars and pipes were liberally passed, and before the party broke up eight new names had been secured for membership.

Remarks were made by Regent F. W. Elliott, Secretary T. N. Little, Orator Ira L. Case and Collector R. M. Cox.

The committee in charge of the affair was composed of: H. W. Tuthill, F. M. Barnes, R. M. Cox, Edmund Millen, J. E. Adams, F. W. Brown.

CASINO STAGE HANDS ON STRIKE

Refused to Work After One of Their Number Had Been Fired.

The stage hands at the Casino seem to be having difficulties this week under the dictation of the Sawtelle Company's stage manager. One of the boys sat in the first wings, Wednesday night, and was ordered out by Mr. Sawtelle's man. He declined to go, and the manager chucked him down stairs without any particular care being used as to where the victim landed. As a result all the stage hands quit work and left the Casino.

In a little while Manager Corey was found, and the men listened to his arguments and returned to the theatre and their respective positions.

Brisk Business on the Sussex Railroad

Very heavy shipments of ore and limestone are now being made from Franklin Furnace and the business is assuming such proportions that double headers are now run over the Sussex Railroad. Large shipments of granite are also being made from Waterloo, and in the Allen quarry over forty men are employed. Most of the granite is shipped to Orange.

Slight Fire on the Steamer Ramsdell.

A fire on the steamer Ramsdell at Newburgh, last night, did about $300 damage. It started from an overheated pipe from the range and but for its timely discovery the vessel and probably the Ramsdell company's store house would have been destroyed for in the fierce wind firemen could not have done successful battle with the flames.

Roads Blocked by Banks.

Although Tuesday night's snowfall was not heavy the howling wind piled it into the roadways in such quantities that some of the roads were badly blocked, this morning, and some shoveling had to be done before the farmers could get to town with their milk.

Thousands suffer from Catarrh or cold in head and have never tried the popular remedy. There is no longer any excuse, as a 10 cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm can be had of your druggist or we mail it for 10 cents. Full size 50 cents.

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A friend advised me to try Ely's Cream Balm and after using it six weeks I believe myself cured of catarrh. It is a most valuable remedy.—Joseph Stewart, 624 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

THE DEATH OF JENNIE HORTON

The Coroner's Inquest Begun, Wednesday—Doctors Found No Laudanum in the Stomach. But Think Death Was Due to Opium Poisoning.

Owing to the absence of several important witnesses the inquest upon the death of Mrs. Jennie Horton, which was begun, Wednesday afternoon, was adjourned until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

George Overton, by whom the young woman was employed, Ernest Sutton, the farm hand and Drs. Connor, Pillsbury and Redfield were the witnesses examined.

Mr. Overton told the story of the early morning discovery of the woman in an unconscious state and his efforts to arouse her and his evidence was corroborated by Mr. Sutton.

Dr. Connor, who performed the autopsy, testified that while it was his opinion that the young woman died from opium poisoning he found no evidence of it. Certain internal organs were in a diseased condition but not sufficiently diseased to have caused death. Much pain would result from their condition and laudanum may have been used to alleviate the suffering.

Dr. Pillsbury confirmed Dr. Connor's testimony and Dr. Redfield, who examined the stomach, told the jury that he found no evidence of laudanum in the organ. He stated, however, that the poison might have been absorbed before death.

GIVING GOOD SATISFACTION.

The Sawtelle Company Pleasing the Casino's Patrons.

Lester Wallack's celebrated play of "Rosedale" was presented, last evening, by the Sawtelle Dramatic Co. The audience seemed highly pleased with both company and play. Al. Sawtelle appeared as "Eliot Grey" and Miss Jessie Sawtelle as "Rosa Leigh." The work of both was effective and added material strength to the excellent work of the supporters of the company.

The specialties as usual were good—notably so an excellent Chinese impersonation by Geo. E Fisher, for which he received much well deserved applause. The dancing of Russell Brandon also scored a hit.

This evening, "Infatuation" will be the play, and to-morrow at the matinee "The Little Detective" will be presented with new specialties at each performance.

WAALKILLS' SUPPER.

Officers Were in Charge at Wednesday Night's Affair.

Waalkill Engine Company, No. 6, enjoyed one of the pleasantest events in its social history, Wednesday night. A supper was given at the expense of the officers and served by the very capable Ladies' Auxiliary. The menu was a fine one and was heartily enjoyed. After the cigars, speeches were made by Alderman Hirst, W. G. Conkling and the officers of the company.

John Thomas Concert Company Coming Again.

The John Thomas Concert Company, which appeared for the Y. M. C. A. last month and gave such excellent satisfaction, will return under the same auspices April 15.

The "Common Council," which was such a great hit, will be repeated.

The remainder of the progamme will be new.

No doubt the house will be filled with old friends and others who desire to hear him. Popular prices will prevail.

Mr. Van Laer's Lecture, To-night.

The first lecture in the literary clubs' course will be given, this evening, in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church, by A. T. Van Laer, of New York. His subject will be "English Art." Mr. Van Laer has lectured in this city on two previous occasions and his lectures were so interesting and instructive that a large audience will be certain to greet him, to-night.

A Former Port Jervisite Killed at Montclair.

The body of George Richards, seventy years old, who was killed at the Grove steeet crossing of the Greenwood Lake road in Montclair, N. J., Tuesday, by being struck by an express train, was taken to Port Jervis, Wednesday morning, and funeral services were held at the home of his son, David Richards, in that village, to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Madden Decker Entertain.

Mrs. E. Madden Decker is entertaining about two score of ladies at whist, this afternoon, and to-night Mr. and Mrs. Decker will entertain about forty at the same game.

Flags at Half Mast.

The postoffice flag and others about the city have been flying at half mast, to-day, on account of the disaster in the harbor of Havana.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

A Survivor of the Maine—Dramatic Club's Entertainment—Handicap Bowling Contest—Parlor Magic—Masonic Dance—County Lodge of Good Templars—Married at St. John's Church.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—Charles B. Howell, chief engineer on the battleship Maine, blown up in Havana harbor, Tuesday night, is a brother of Messrs. James A and Mark A. Howell, of the well known Howell Condensed Milk Co. Mr. Howell was uninjured.

—Get your tickets now and make sure of a seat at the Goshen Amateur Dramatic Club's production of "Between the Acts," at Music Hall, on Feb. 22.

—The handicap bowling tournament begins at the club alleys, next Monday evening. This will undoubtedly prove the most interesting tournament of the bowling season.

—An evening of parlor magic on Friday night will conclude the series of entertainments given at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Clark.

—Cataract Engine and Hose Co. will dance on the eve of Washington's birthday anniversary, Feb. 21, at Music Hall.

—The quarterly meeting of Orange County Lodge, I. O. G. T., will be held at Goshen, Feb. 25. Grand Chief Templar Hooker will preside.

—At St John's Church, yesterday, at 3 o'clock, Miss Bessie Keely and John McAvoy were married. There was a reception at the bride's home following the ceremony. The future home of Mr. and Mrs. McAvoy will be in New York city.

ORANGE COUNTY TROTTING CIRCUIT

State Breeders' Association Will Act in Concert—Probable Dates of Meetings—Schedules of Purses.

Ex-Assemblyman A. B. Gray, of Poughkeepsie, was elected President of the New York Trotting Horse Breeders' Association, in New York, yesterday, in place of E. H. Harriman who declined to serve.

The annual trotting meeting of the association will be held at Poughkeepsie in August, the organization having decided to act in concert with the Orange county circuit. The probable dates for the Breeders' and other meetings are:

Poughkeepsie, Aug. 2 to 5; Middletown, Aug, 9 to 11; Port Jervis, Aug 16 to 19; Goshen, Aug. 23 to 26; New Paltz, Aug. 30 to Sept. 2.

The following schedule of races was arranged:

2:40 class, four-year-olds and under, trotting, purse $400; 2:40 class, four-year-olds and under, pacing, purse $400; 2:33 class, trotting, purse $500; 2:27 class, trotting, purse $500; 2:22 class, trotting, purse $500; 2:16 class, trotting, purse $500; 2:11 class, trotting, purse $600; 2:30 class, pacing, purse $500; 2:24 class, pacing, purse $500; 2:19 class, pacing, purse $500; 2:12 class, pacing, purse $500; 2:05 class, pacing, purse $600.

HYMENEAL.

Matteer—St. John.

The home of Mrs. Emma Woodruff, 18 Linden terrace, was the scene of a quiet wedding, Wednesday evening, when her sister, Miss Addie St. John, of Summitville, became the wife of William N. Matteer, of Hurleyville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank A. Heath.

Dougherty—Herlihy.

The wedding of Robert A. Dougherty and Miss Julia Herlihy occurred at St. Joseph's Church, Wednesday afternoon, at 3:30, Father McClancy officiating.

The bride was prettily attired in white brocaded satin, and her tulle veil was fastened by a wreath of flowers. She was attended by Miss Maggie Herlihy, who wore a pink costume, attractively trimmed with pearl passementerie, and carried a bouquet of red roses. The groomsman was Patrick Dougherty.

After the wedding an elaborate supper was served at the home of Mrs. Mary A. Herlihy, the bride's mother, No. 252 Cottage street. The happy couple left on Erie train No. 22 for New York. On returning the couple will reside at Wurtsboro, the groom being a prosperous canal boat captain.

Among the guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dougherty, Miss Sarah Dougherty and Daniel, Edward and Eugene Dougherty, of Wurtsboro.

Baseball Notes.

—The New York *Sun* names Charles W. Tierney, of Goshen, a member of the class of 1901, as one of the promising candidates for pitcher on the Fordham College baseball team.

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She wore a dress like yours—a blue brocade
With silver threads inwoven, and her shoe
Was much the same—I think you could not trade
Without 'twas even—yes, a buckle, too,
Flashed on her dainty instep as she came
Adown the stairs in answer to her name.

Grandmother's slippers, say you? Yes, I see.
Grandmother's gown refashioned, dear, for you?
If but one hour I young again could be
I'd lend myself to dance a measure, too,
As on a Christmas eve long years ago
I led the ball with one I used to know.

What pretty smiles and blushes! Ay, he's here—
Think you he cannot wait—this lover true?
Nor was I pleased at any waiting, dear,
When I was young and grandmother like you
Go, get such greeting as my heart still gives
To her who ever in my memory lives.

—Mary Clarke Huntington, in Ladies' Home Journal.

How Benjamin Lomison Was Cured.

BY HELEN ELIZABETH WILSON.

BENJAMIN LOMISON, motorman of street car No. 8, was a short, stout man with a full beard and ruddy complexion; but he had none of the cheerful good nature which is supposed to accompany a corpulent figure. Whether it was a strain of Saxon gloom or the hardships of his calling, some cause impelled his black, beady eyes to twinkle mournfully in the midst of the resigned and hopeless expression of his face.

His route took him to the suburban terminus of the street railway, and there were the numerous delays common to a single track with a series of side-switches. When these delays occurred it was his custom to come into the car and discourse in a gloomy manner upon whatever subject was at hand. The daily passengers on this run were used to his ways, and some one usually took the opposite side so that a chance for argument might not be lost; for what man was ever known to resist such a temptation? The line was quite democratic, and the sorrowful motorman had as antagonists all sorts and conditions of men, none of whom moved him from his deep-seated discontent with the universe.

The older passengers knew his views, and he knew theirs; so it was on the new and inexperienced traveler that he expended his darkest pessimism, backed by illustrations from his own experience.

Such an one was Charles Knight, furniture dealer and cabinet maker, newly come to Linden and established on a prominent street; prepared to sell all kinds of furniture and also to repair or make the same, if so desired. All his hopes and plans were fully shared by young and pretty Mrs. Knight, and, in a less degree, by their small daughter, whose three-year-old interest was largely confined to making playhouses among the furniture. The process of getting established, even in a modest way in a modest, old-fashioned suburb, required frequent trips to the city; and on some of these Mr. Knight was accompanied by his wife and child. The evident happiness of the family was noted by the observant Benjamin, and further increased the bitterness of his spirit and warmed him for an encounter with the innocent and unsuspecting furniture dealer.

It was on a sultry day in July that he began the campaign. The car stood on the bridge switch with the prospect of a long delay. The rails shone with a bright, hot glare and sent off a shimmering heat painful to the eyes. Mr. Knight noted with the satisfaction of a practical workman the neat woodwork and perfect appointments of the car, not thinking of the heat and the delay. Seated in a corner Benjamin took in the situation: here was a new man and a long wait. He settled down and crossed his short legs and gazed down the track.

"No matter how many trips I make over this road, I've always got to wait," he began, sadly; "goin' or comin', junction of terminus, this car's always got to wait."

By this time he was looking directly at Mr. Knight, and as no one replied, the young man fell into the trap with great ease and politeness "That's too bad. Is there some difference in the cars?" he said, sympathetically.

"No, it jest seems as if it was so—had to be so. Comes with the work; hard job, motorman; out in all kinds of weather and all hours; stand on your feet constant, only when you've got to wait. No exercise, and you get so lusty you're a burden to yourself. No rest Sundays or holidays; never even get laid off for hard times and slack work. Now with your business it's different, I s'pose. You have to lay off, so to speak, mucy's the time. Hain't done much yet in Linden, have you?"

By this time the other passengers were listening with more or less interest, and they heard Mr. Knight acknowledge that business had not been very brisk so far. Benjamin went on gloomily and with relish:

"No, nor it won't be. It's hard to get custom here. The Krapes has the run of trade; they've been here for years and made money; but they have undertakin' too. You don't have that branch, do you?"

The young man hurriedly disclaimed any interest in the undertaking business

"That's a pity. It pays well, once you get started; but I wouldn't try here. Krapes has everything their way, and good reason for it. It would seem agin nature for a person to hire a stranger for a funeral when they've been used to see the same man driv' the hearse long's they can remember and their father afore them. It's horrowing to a man's feelin's to think of hisself or any of his friends bein' laid away by a stranger; and it would take a long while jest to get rid of that feelin', to say nothin' of the inexperience of a young man. You're well out of it; but you'll have full as hard work to get a start in furniture. I've known others to try. I wish you luck: but you can mark my words, Krape knows the town and the town knows Krape."

And as the belated car for which they had been waiting neared the switch, he went out and grasped the motor-crank with the air of a man who had put the brakes on the career of a personal foe.

"Our friend seems inclined to look on the dark side of things," said Mr. Knight, with a smile.

The man across the aisle leaned over, swinging his tin dinner pail between his hands.

"I've been going over this road every day for five years, and I have yet to see the time when Ben Lomison wasn't complainin' or tryin' to discourage somebody. We all know Ben. He means well. Ben's as faithful as an eight-day clock, but his grumble's as stiddy as its tick."

The gong sounded loudly as the car rounded a curve, and Mr. Knight rose and nodded good-by to his companion. This was the chief point on the route, and the transfer of passengers caused a delay of several minutes. Among the crowd on the sidewalk were a happy-faced woman, and a little girl dressed in white One hand clasped her mother's and the other excitedly waved a much-berumfled blue parasol The little creature was dancing up and down in a rapture of delight and singing to herself:

"Father is coming, dear father. Oh! I can hardly wait. There he is, mother Look at me, dear father. Oh, dear father!" Mr. Knight caught up his little daughter in his arms for a moment, and then the three moved away, the husband and wife talking quietly together, while the child danced along between them, kissing and fondling her father's hand. The little incident was not unnoticed by the crowd, and even the motorman looked after the group without frowning.

"By jingo!" laughed the man with the tin pail, slapping his knee, "if old Benny hain't clean forgot hisself. He's smilin' at them Knights like a Christian; and he's forgot to ring the gong."

The next time the sad-eyed Benjamin had a chance at the new man, Mrs. Knight was with him, and the small Mary sat demurely between them. The car stood on the switch as usual, and the motorman occupied his corner. He began with a heavy sigh, but stopped when he saw the child whispering to her father.

"That is Mr. Lomison, Mary," said Mr. Knight.

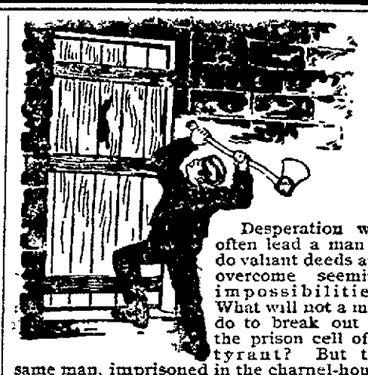
"Are you the man that brings my father home?" she said, in a clear, sweet voice. "I'm going to watch for you every day and wave my hand." And the astonished Benny found himself speechless, and, smiling at the little maid, without a trace of gloom on his countenance, while she chatted away in her childish treble till the car moved on. After that it became a common thing to see a small and excited figure rush out to Mr. Knight's gate and wave her chubby hand at the motorman. Somehow the sight so warmed the gruff old fellow's heart that he often forgot to grumble for a whole trip. One day that winter came the supreme moment of transformation in his life. It was a bright afternoon in late December, and the air was full of Christmas sights and sounds. As car No. 8 came round the curve and started down the slope, Ben saw a heap of something struggling on the track some distance ahead. He rang the gong loudly and put on the brake; but he knew the car could not stop in time, and, to his horror, the struggling heap was a little girl fallen and hopelessly tangled in the rope of her sled. The women shrieked and hid their faces, and the men groaned and swore under their breath. The old man on the platform rose to the heroic. It might mean death, but he bounded down the track like an athlete, grasped the child and jumped aside as the car grated by with a rasping sound like the snarl of an angry monster. The passengers crowded around, but he had no eyes for anyone but the child who was patting and kissing his big hand.

"I knew you wouldn't run over me, Mr. Lomison," she said. "Will you take me home to my father?" And Benjamin Lomison spent the rest of that day with the Knight family, laid off on full pay.

As the weeks passed by it was observed that his expression had changed, and the travelers were no longer regaled by his gloom.

"Well, Benny, you seem to have forgot how to grumble," said our friend of the tin pail one day.

"Yes, I have," replied the motorman. "I tell you when a man has it given him to save such a child as little Mary Knight, he ain't no room to complain about nothin'. There's only one drawback," and the old mournful look stole over his face, "if her father had only took to undertakin'. Krape's dead and it's such a payin' business. But you can't have everything."—N. Y. Independent.



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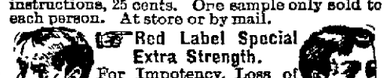
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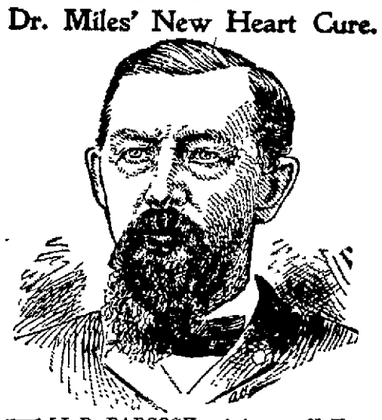

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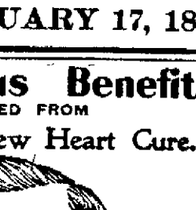

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IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Lucinda Horton Yocum, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at his office, No. 16 East Main street, in the city of Middletown, on or before the 14th day of April next.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Oct. 12, '97.

GEO. H. DECKER, Executor.
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IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Dwight W. Berry, late of the city of Middletown in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the administratrix of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at her place of residence in the city of Middletown, on or before the 1st day of June next.

Dated November 23d, 1897.

MARY S BERRY, Administratrix.
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March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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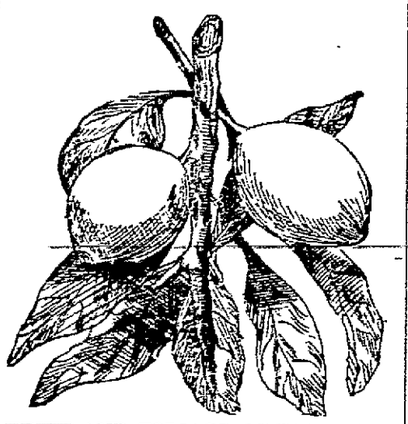
By order Board of Directors.
SEYMOUR DeWITT, Cashier

HORTICULTURE

THE EGG FRUIT TREE.

It Produces a Fruit Evidently Very Rich in Nourishment.

This fruit, the botanical name of which is Lucuma rivicosa, var. Augustifolia, is known by a variety of popular names. In Key West it is locally called Tiess, but I am informed more correctly Canitel. It is known as Canista, or Canistel in Cuba, and as Tomot and Cancilla on the west coast. The tree is a native of tropical America, and perhaps its introduction from different points and at different times may account for the remarkable diversity of names. While the fruit is quite common in the Key West market it has been so far little cultivated in Florida, and is really little known outside the tropics. Only occasional trees are yet to be seen on the keys or on the main land of Florida. Repeated efforts have been made to introduce the tree north of the limits to which its tropical character manifestly assigns it, with little success. Like the sapodilla and the mammeesapota it will not endure frost, and under favorable conditions, also like the sapodilla and cerimar (Monstera deliciosa) it is everbearing, being frequently loaded with three successive crops at the same time. This everbearing quality must always mark the limits of its profitable culture. In its endurance of drought, hot sun and dry soil, it strangely resembles the mango. The tree is much smaller than the mango while the leaves have a marked family resemblance to the mammeesapota, of which the fruit has been called "small edition." The pulp of the fruit resembles the yolk of a hard-boiled egg, tasting as one might imagine the egg would taste if well sweetened. The fruit is evidently very rich in nourishment. One caution should be observed by those investigating this fruit for the first time, that is, that in an unripe state the fruit is unpleasantly bitter. The taste of some people—not all—will need cultivation in the use of the Canitel, as is true of many other valuable fruits of the tropics. This fruit always sells well in the Key West market. It will always be in demand with those who know what it is.



FRUIT AND FOLIAGE OF EGG FRUIT TREE.

The tree fruits at three or four years old, and is manifestly at home in dry and sandy soil, growing with little care and fruiting abundantly, without irrigation, and surrounded on all sides by fruiting pineapples. The fruit is as yet so little known that few people outside of the tropics have learned its real value. Its intrinsic merit as a nourishing food, its firmness and reasonable keeping qualities and the ease with which it can be grown, all conspire to encourage its more general introduction and culture wherever the mango, avocado pear and the sapodilla can be successfully grown. Its introduction and general use is only a question of time. The ingenious and enterprising housekeeper, as soon as the fruit can be furnished in sufficient quantities to her hand, will find many ways to profitably dispose of its rich and buttery pulp.

The foliage is large, glossy, dark green, and the entire tree is very beautiful and ornamental. As a greenhouse and conservatory plant, for colder climates, it presents a highly pleasing appearance.—Elbridge Gale, in American Agriculturist.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

To prevent mildew in apple trees, trim out well.

Thoroughly cultivate all newly-planted trees.

Keeping a tree thrifty tends materially to lessen the liability to disease.

Seed bearing is the heaviest draft on the vitality and tends to exhaust the plant.

Now is a good time to apply the poultry manure around the strawberry plants.

After a tree is pruned it is more important to have it heal well than quickly.

In taking up a tree it is an item to take with it all of the healthy roots possible.

Weak, spindling fruit trees should have good, stout stakes put beside them when planted.

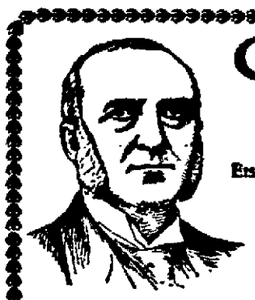
If there are any bones on the farm gather them up and bury them near the grape vines.

Try new varieties on a small scale until their value is more fully determined in your locality.

In planting most varieties of small fruits the mistake is often made of planting too closely together.

An easy way to keep up the fertility of the orchard is to seed it down to clover and use it as a pasture for hogs.

Do not prune the peach until after the danger of freezing is over in the spring, and then prune severely.—St. Louis Republic.



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MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos. 601, 625, 606, 617, 620 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 6 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden. "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch

GOING EAST.

Nos		James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 13	Chicago Ex.	4.49 a.m.	
* 10	New York Special	6.01 "	
	26 Middletown Way	6.30 "	....6.55 a.m
	16 Orange Co. Ex., G.M.	7.10 "	....7.19 "
	28 Mountain Ex., T.	8.28 "	.... 8.35 "
	38 Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.G.)	10.48 "	
*	6 W. Mail, (G. exc'pt Su)	12.55 p.m.	...12.57 p.m
	30 Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	....4.19 "
*	2 C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
*	8 C. & St. L. Limited,	5.55 "	
	22 P. J. Local T.	7.26 "	...7.28
	14 Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
606	P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T.	8.23 a.m.	
620	P. J. Local (Su only) "G"	5.06 p.m.	
	18 Milk (Sunday only)	6.55 p.m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.		James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
*	17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
	21 Port Jervis Way	10.36 "	....10.38 a.m
*	1 Day Express	†10.56 "	
	9 Corning Express	11.25 "	
	11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
	33 Port Jervis Exp.	3.40 "	.... 3.37 "
*	5 C. & St. L. Exp.	4.16 "	
	27 Mountain Exp.	5.42 "	.... 5.38 "
	15 Orange Co. Exp.	6.46 "	.... 6.41 "
	25 Middletown Way ar.	8.05 "	.... 8.02 "
*	7 C. & G. T. Exp.	9.34 "	
	29 Way	9.13 "	
	3 Chicago Exp.	11.12 "	
601	Sunday Local	10.38 a.m.	
625	P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.08 p.m	
617	" " "	10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *2.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.30 a.m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p.m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45 a.m. 12.30 and 7.30 p.m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 35 a.m.	.....11.40 a.m
*118	" "	.....	.....6.55 p.m
801	Sun only	11 00	.....11.10 a.m

COMING SOUTH.

*138	Arrive from Pine Bush	.....8.16 a.m
*130	" " " "	.....8.40 pm

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
24—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
25—High and Hanford streets.
26—Canal street, condensery.
27—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
35—Fairview avenue and Sound street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Monston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
21—Rung before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circ't broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

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Time Table in Effect Dec. 12th, 1897.
NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	11 * Milk	1 On't Day Exp		27 Local	7 Sullivan Co Exp		5 * Chicago Limt
N. Y. Leave	A M	A M			P M		P M
Franklin St	3 20	7 40			3 01		5 45
W. 42d St.	3 30	7 55			3 15		6 15
Weehawken	4 00	8 10			3 50		6 30
Cornwall	6 10	9 45			5 08		7 50
Fairchilde	6 22	9 53			5 08		
Orr's Mills	6 25	9 55			5 10		
Little Brit'n	6 40	10 05			5 23		
Burnside	6 56	10 16			5 44		
Campbell H	7 05	10 22			5 40		8 19
Stony Ford	7 15	10 27			5 41		
M'town ar	7 38	10 48			5 58		
M'town lv	7 40	10 45			6 05		8 35
Winterton	8 45	11 55			*6 15		†8 45
Bloom'gb'gh	9 10	11 09			6 31		
Wurtsboro	9 21	11 15			6 37		
Summitville	9 28	11 19			6 40		
Ellenv'lle ar	9 38	11 20			6 50		
	10 00	11 50			7 10		
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 05			7 20		
Hurleyville	10 53	12 12			7 28		
Ferndale	11 15	11 22			7 36		
Liberty	11 30	12 29			7 44		9 50
Parksville	11 45	12 40			7 55		
Lv'gst'n M'r	12 00	12 53			8 09		10 15
Rockland	12 15	1 08			8 20	1 13	
Cadosia	1 20	2 00			A M		10 58
Walton	2 10	2 45		12 15	8 05	11	11 38
Maywood		3 14		2 10	8 38		
Sidney		3 41	4 11	2 10	9 02	12	12 15
N'wich ar		4 31	A M	5 30	9 50	2	58
N'wich lv		4 35	7 39	P M	9 54	1	09
Castle		6 06	9 10		A M	12	12
Oneida ar		6 10	9 15			2	17
Oneida lv		6 15	9 20				
Fulton		7 57	10 33			n3	31
Oswego ar		8 20	11 20			3	50
	P M	P M	A M		P M	A	M

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New York Exp	12 *	50 Local	14 Delhi Ex	2 N Y Day Exp	42 Norwich Exp
Oswego lv	A M 11 20	P M A M	7 15		A M 8 45	P M 2 55
Oneida ar			12 22		8 46	5 05
Oneida lv	12 56		1 0		8 50	5 20
Castle			1 15	P M	8 53	5 27
Norwich ar	2 09		6 15	6 47	10 37	7 15
Norwich lv	2 14		P M	6 52	10 42	P M
Sidney	3 03			7 50	11 40	
Maywood				8 08	11 57	
Walton	3 50	12 15	A M	8 40	1237	
Cadosia	4 21	1 30	P M		1 20	
Rockland		2 38	6 00		2 10	
Lv'gst'n M'r	5 07	3 00	6 14		2 25	
Parksville		3 16	6 25		2 37	
Liberty	5 20	3 35	6 36		2 51	
Ferndale		3 41	6 41		n2 56	
Hurleyville		4 01	6 50		3 06	
Fallsburgh		4 19	6 57		3 14	
Centreville		4 40	7 04		n3 30	
Mount'n D.		4 50	7 10		n3 35	
Summitville		5 10	7 26		3 45	
Wurtsboro		5 20	7 33		n3 52	
Bloom'g'bgh		5 28	7 8		3 57	
Winterton		5 34	7 13		n4 02	
M'town ar	6 33	5 55	8 05		4 21	
M'town lv	6 43	6 20	8 10		4 30	
M'town Main St.		6 22	8 2		4 32	
Stony Ford		6 59	8 25		4 46	
Campbell H.		7 5	8 30		4 52	
Burnside		7 22	8 36		5 07	
Little Brit'n		7 32	8 46		5 08	
Orr's Mills		7 50	8 58		5 19	
Fairchilde		8 10	9 13		5 21	
Cornwall	7 28	8 26	9 02		5 23	
Weehawken	8 47	10 50	10 30		7 09	
New York W. 42d St.	9 00	11 00	10 40		7 10	
N. Y. Franklin St	9 15	11 30	10 55		7 25	
	P M	p m	A M		P M	

* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.

† Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers

n Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.

¶ Stop for meals.

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Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9 40 and 11 30, a m, 3 50 6 0 p m

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7 00 and 10 50 a m, 3 10 and 5 50 p m

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7 20 and 11 00 a m, and 5 0 p m. Sunday only 3 15 p m

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 8 10 a m, 2 45 and 8 45 p m. Sunday only 9 15 a m, and 2 15 p m.

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NORTH. New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
West 23d St.	8 10	.....	3 50
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	.....	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 50	6 30
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 05	6 40
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 46
Hamburg	11 20	3 25	6 54
Deckertown	11 28	3 40	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 37	7 34
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 45

SOUTH.	Daily ex Sun a m	Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	5 04
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	5 15
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 21
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 27
Unionville	6 59	7 55	5 34
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 43
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 57
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	6 00
Franklin Junction	f7 27	.....	.....
Franklin	7 29	8 56	6 07
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	6 12
Two Bridges	7 51	9 27	6 28
Paterson City	8 03	.....	7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36	7 48
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	8 01
Jersey City	9 38	11 12	8 27
New York Ferries— Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	11 23	8 38
West 23d street	10 15	11 45	9 20

f—Stop on signal.

LE BRUN'S **FOR EITHER SEX.** This remedy being injected directly to the seat of those diseases of the Genito-Urinary Organs, requires no change of diet. Cure guaranteed in 1 to 3 days. Small plain package, by mail, $1.00 Sold only by

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TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 28, '97.

Eastern Time.	IS. Spec 601	IS. Spec 625	S. Spec 617
Leave NEW YORK	A M	P M	P M
Arrive Jersey City	7 45	12 30	7 30
Paterson	8 33	1 13	8 28
Turners	9 52	2 33	9 44
Monroe	9 57	2 38	9 50
Greycourt	10 08	2 48	10 01
Chester	10 11	2 51	10 04
Goshen	10 19	2 59	10 13
Middletown	10 36	3 08	10 29
Howells	10 44	3 17	10 38
Otisville	10 54	3 28	10 47
Port Jervis	11 15	3 50	11 10
Arr. East Time. Lv.	P M	P M	P M
Leave CHICAGO			* 8 00
Arrive Fort Wayne			
Arr. Cent. Time. Lv.			P M

Eastern Time.	1	9	11	21	17
Leave NEW YORK	A M	A M	A M	P M	A M
Arrive Jersey City	* 9 00	† 9 15	† 10 30	† 4 00	* 4 00
Paterson	† 7 45	9 57	11 11	4 45	† 4 45
Turners	8 33	10 49	12 19	5 33	
Monroe	9 52		12 23	5 38	
Greycourt	9 57		12 28	5 43	
Chester	10 08	11 01	12 40	5 54	6 03
Goshen	10 11		12 43	5 57	
Middletown	10 19	11 13	12 48	6 05	6 22
Howells	10 36	11 25	1 04	6 22	6 47
Otisville	10 44		1 13	6 30	7 02
Port Jervis	10 54		1 21	6 40	7 21
Arr. East Time. Lv.	† 11 15	† 11 45	† 1 42	† 7 05	* 7 55
Leave CHICAGO	P M	P M	P M	A M	A M
Arrive Fort Wayne					
Arr. Cent. Time. Lv.					

Eastern Time.	2	8	20	6	38	28	16	26	10	12	22	14	42	18
Leave NEW YORK	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	A M	A M	A M	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M	A M
Arrive Jersey City	† 6 57	* 7 52	† 6 42	* 3 35	12 57	† 10 37	† 9 22	† 8 5	* 8 00	* 7 07	† 9 52	* 12 52	† 9 52	* 9 28
Paterson	6 20	8 08	6 03	2 52	12 12	10 00	8 45	8 11	7 36	6 17	9 08	12 15	9 08	8 32
Turners	5 36		4 55	1 42	11 25	9 08	7 57	7 13	6 58	5 02	8 03	11 20	8 03	8 15
Monroe			4 46	1 34		8 58	7 50	7 07	6 48	4 10	7 54		7 54	8 00
Greycourt			4 35	1 22	11 08	8 48	7 40	6 58	6 39		7 50		7 50	7 56
Chester	6 03		4 31	1 18		8 44	7 33	6 54	6 35	5 06	7 48	10 51	7 48	7 52
Goshen			4 25	1 10	10 58	8 37	7 25	6 47	6 28		7 41		7 41	7 45
Middletown	6 22		4 10	12 55	10 48	8 23	7 10	6 32	6 13	5 26	7 26	10 40	7 26	7 30
Howells	6 47		4 01	12 47		8 15	7 02	6 24	6 05	5 42	7 16		7 16	7 22
Otisville	7 02		3 50	12 39		8 08	6 54	6 16	5 57		7 10		7 10	7 15
Port Jervis	7 21		3 30	†10 11		7 45	† 6 30	5 55	5 35	6 00	† 6 45		† 6 45	† 6 50
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*Daily. †Sundays only. ‡Except Sunday. b. Stops for passengers to Binghamton and beyond.

Middletown & Crawford Branch—Leave Main St., Middletown, for Pine Bush at 11:40 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:10 a. m., Sundays only, and 6:55 p. m. daily.

Montgomery Branch—Leave Goshen for Montgomery at 7:27 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:20 a. m. and 5:28 p. m., daily except Sunday; 10:55 Sunday only.

Pine Island Branch—Leave Goshen for Pine Island at 11:20 a. m. and 6:35 p. m. daily except Sunday; 10:55 Sunday only. Leave Goshen for Deckertown 8:45 a. m. and 6:35 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Newburgh, via Turners—Leave Turners for Newburgh at 7:35 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 10:53 a. m., daily except Sunday; 9:00 p. m. daily; 10:30 a. m., Sunday only. Train 30 and 2 connects for Newburgh via Arden, instead of Turners.

Newburgh, via Greycourt—Leave Greycourt at 7:45 a. m., daily except Sunday, 11:10 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 1:23 and 6:20 p. m. daily, except Sunday; 10:45 a. m. and 5:37 p. m., Sunday only

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T. S. ACK, Manager, 14 Ogden street. Shop 147 North street.

ANDREW HASBROUCK'S DEATH.

Testimony at the Inquest Which Makes It Look as If Murder Might Have Been Done.

At the Andrew Hasbrouck inquest in Port Jervis, Wednesday evening, Mary Miller and Ann Elize Jackson, colored women who live near where the body was found, testified that, Thursday night, they heard sounds of a quarrel between two men in the direction of where Hasbrouck's body was found. Some one said "I'll kill you," and then followed a scream and a mournful sound like the moan of a child. Both witnesses had heard of trouble between the deceased and George Beales, who lives not far from where the body was found, on account of Hasbrouck's visit to Beales' wife.

Samuel H. Hasbrouck testified that Beales had threatened to do the dead man if it cost him his life.

The inquest has not been concluded.

Judge Fullerton, who represents the District Attorney in the proceedings, has procured a warrant for the arrest of George Beales.

EXCELSIOR'S SOCIAL.

The Last of the Series to Be Held, Tomorrow Evening, at the Assembly Rooms.

The last of the series of monthly socials given by Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company will be held at the Assembly Rooms, to-morrow (Friday) evening. Each member is entitled to extend an invitation to a friend not a member of any fire company. This plan was adopted at the last social and it resulted in ten propositions for membership at the annual meeting. The record for attendance was broken at the last social and the indications are that it will again be broken, to-morrow night.

Funeral of J. Leland Wood.

The funeral of J. Leland Wood, who was killed while trying to board an Erie freight train in this city, Sunday night, was held at his parents' home in Port Jervis, Wednesday afternoon. The casket was literally buried under floral tributes, the gifts of the classmates and young friends of the deceased and the sides of the grave were lined with smilax and roses by the loving forethought of fourteen Academy girls.

Prohibitive Freight Rates on Sussex County Ice.

The Jersey Central and Lehigh Valley railroads having advanced the rate on ice from Sussex county, N. J., to $1.32, the Knickerbocker Company has given up its lease of the big ice house at Kinney's, and it looks as if the Lehigh and Hudson might lose a very profitable portion of its business unless it can induce connecting roads to scale down freight rates.

A Northern New Jersey Terror.

From the Sussex Register.

Martha Place, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is now in jail charged with the murder of her step-daughter and attempted murder of her husband, in the early part of last week, formerly resided at Blairstown. Her first husband was named Savercool, and the woman proved to be such a terror that he left her to obtain peace.

An Acid Factory Burned.

The large acid factory of Arthur Leighton at Methol, three miles from Cook's Falls, was discovered to be on fire, Tuesday morning. All efforts to extinguish the flames were unavailing and the whole structure was quickly consumed. The loss is heavy and the insurance small. Mr. Leighton will rebuild at once.

None of Them Had Been to Klondike

From the Newburgh Journal.

The statistician at police headquarters has figured out how much funds was in the possession of the last sixty-nine lodgers at the institution. He finds one man had 44c., another 37c., another lodger 25., one man had 9c., and two others had a nickel apiece. Sixty-three men were absolutely penniless.

A Delaware County Gold Mine.

J. T. Bogart, of Pepacton, Delaware county, claims to have discovered a gold and silver mine on his property. An assay of samples of the mine's product sent to New York yielded, it is said, at the rate of ten ounces of gold and ten ounces of silver to the ton.

These Things He is Proud Of.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mann, of Franklin, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday, Feb. 3, 1898. Mr. Mann makes his boast that he never was sick a day in his life, never had a doctor, and always chewed tobacco.

You can never plant your trees, plants, vines, etc., too early. You can plant them too late. For best results remember this good advice. As you will see our nursery is not far from you. Our stock is first class, prices are reasonable. We allow a special discount for early orders. Consider these facts, catalogues mailed free. Address T. J. Dwyer & Son Nurseries, box 4, Cornwall, N. Y.

Some Foolish People

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it wears them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

Health is Happiness.

Health is at the bottom of happiness The man or woman who is perfectly well, enjoys life like a child. Healthy people do not appreciate the fact that the country is full of unhappy people—people who are sick with skin ailments, kidney and urinary diseases, liver troubles, stomach disorders. If they knew of all this suffering, their hearts would go out in sympathy.

Dr David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy

makes sick people happy by making them well. It is a prescription of an old physician. It cures kidney, liver, skin, blood and stomach disorders. If all sick men and women would only try it, what a happy world this would be!

"I don't think I should have been able to be about," says Mrs. J. F. Wade of Stowe, Vermont, "if I had not taken Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. I suffered from liver and stomach troubles severely, and I had taken Favorite Remedy but a little while, when I began to feel better. Now I am perfectly cured."

$1 a bottle; six for $5. At Drug Stores.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder disease relieved in six hours by "New Great South American Kidney Cure." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggist Middletown, N. Y.

All pain banished by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

New York, Feb. 17, '98

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	137	136¾
Tobacco	91½	92⅛
Chicago Gas	94⅝	94½
Nat. Lead	35¼	36¼
General Electric	38⅛	3 ¾
U. S. L., pref.	64	64¼
Tenn. Coal and Iron	23¾	24½
A. T. & S. F.	12½	12¾
C. B. & Q.	101	101⅝
C. M. & St. P.	94	94⅞
R. I.	90¾	91
D. L. & W.		
C. of N. J.	95	95¼
Erie	15	16¼
D. and H.	111	111
O. & W.	16⅞	10⅝
Susquehanna & Western		
Susquehanna & West., pref.	34¾	36
P. & R.	26⅝	26⅞
N. W.	126¾	126⅞
L. S.		
N. Y. C.	116⅜	116⅞
M. P.	31⅞	32⅝
Texas	12	12
U. P.	32½	33⅜
W. Union	91¼	92
L. & N.	57¼	58¾
Manhattan	114¾	115⅜
P. M.	31¼	31⅝
Wabash, pref.	18	18⅜
No. Pacific, pref.	64⅝	65½
Metropolitan Traction	156	155⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	40⅞	41¾
Southern, pref.	31½	31⅝
May Wheat	103¼	104⅛
May Corn	31¼	30⅞
May Oats	27⅞	27⅝
May Pork	$11 10	$11 07
May Lard	5 15	5 10

MARRIED.

MATTEER—ST JOHN—In this city, Feb. 16th '98, by Rev Frank A. Heath, William N. Matteer, of Huneyville, and Addie St. John, of Summitville.

The Kidneys

are the seat or the starting point of many maladies, all of them serious, all more or less painful, and all of them tending, unless cured, to a fatal end. No organs of the body are more delicate or more sensitive than the kidneys. When symptoms of disease appear in them not a moment is to be lost if health is to be restored. The best way to treat the kidneys is through the blood, cleansing it from the poisonous matter which is usually at the bottom of kidney complaints. For this purpose there is no remedy equal to

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

"For many years I have been a constant sufferer from kidney trouble, and have tried a number of largely advertised kidney cures without benefit. At last a friend advised me to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The use of eight bottles of this remedy entirely cured my malady."—Mary Miller, 1238 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Dangers of Spring

Which arise from impurities in the blood and a depleted condition of this vital fluid may be entirely averted by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine cures all spring humors, boils, eruptions and sores, and by enriching and vitalizing the blood it overcomes that tired feeling and gives vitality and vigor.

HOOD'S PILLS cures nausea, sick headache, biliousness and all liver ills. Price 25 cents.

"It was almost a miracle. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me of a terrible breaking out all over the body. I am very grateful." Mrs. Julia Fibridge West Cornwell, Conn.

Monarch over pain. Burns, cuts, sprains, stings. Instant relief. Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. At any drug store.

De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.

New York Produce Market

New York, Feb. 17, '98.

BUTTER—Receipts for week 31,026 packages; exports for week 855 packages.

Creamery, tubs or pails, extra	20 @
Do., firsts	18 @19
State dairy, half firkin tubs and pails, fresh, extra	17 @
Do., firsts	14 @16
Western dairy, firsts	@
Do., seconds	@
Western factory, extra	13½@14
Do., firsts	12¼@13¼

CHEESE — Receipts for week 7,909 boxes; exports ..... boxes.

State factory, full cream, fancy	8½@ 8⅝
Full cream, fine	7½@ 8¼
State factory, skims	2 @ 6½

POULTRY AND GAME—

LIVE POULTRY.

Chickens, per lb.	8 @
Roosters, per pound	5½@
Fowls, per pound	9 @
Turkeys, per pound	10 @11
Ducks, per pair	45 @65
Geese, per pair	1 00@1 62

DRESSED POULTRY.

Chickens, per pound	10@14
Turkeys, per pound	10@11½
Fowls, State and Jersey, per pound	8@ 9
Ducks, per pound	@

EGGS—Receipts for week 42,190 cases, and ..... barrels.

State and Pennsylvania, per dozen	14½@15
Western, per dozen	14½@

FRUITS AND BERRIES—

Apples, per barrel	2 00@4 50
Grapes, per basket	8@ 13

VEGETABLES—

Potatoes, per barrel	2 00@6 50
Cabbage, per 100	1 5·@3 00
Onions, per barrel	2 00@7 00
Celery, per dozen	5@ 50

SUNDRIES—

Beeswax, per pound	26@27
Honey, per pound	9@11

MILK—The surplus on the railroad platform has been sold at ..... a can of 40 quarts.

The Exchange price is 2½c a quart, net, to the shipper.

Names Railroads	Cans Fluid Milk	Cans Condensed	Cans Cream
D., L. & W.	5 675	...	40
Erie	4,077	78	132
N. Y., O. & W.	3,285	...	102
Susquehanna & West'n	1,850	...	30
Harlem Railroad	2,480	31	28
N. Y. & N. H.	1,475	...	...
West Shore	2,005	32	30
New Jersey Central	:25	...	15
New York & Putman	15	...	...
Miscellaneous	1,600	...	60
Total	23,187	141	437

Casino Theatre

Wednesday Ev'ng, Feb. 23.

FUNNY! VERY FUNNY!

"Mr. Beane From Boston."

A GREAT COMPANY OF SINGERS, DANCERS AND PRETTY GIRLS.

Management of Chas F. Brown.

Including the Eminent Producers,

THE GORMANS,

John, James and George, late proprietors of The Gormans' Minstrels.

PRICES AS USUAL.

10c a Pound ARBUCKLE COFFEE

BEAN ONLY.

We Sell Tea at Cost.

SLOAT'S CASH STORE

10 Cts. Per Can

QUART CAN

California Apricots

in heavy sugar syrup. Special this week.

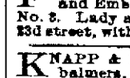
C. N. PREDMORE & SON.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

ALL Kinds fresh fish, oysters and clams at HARFORD'S Market. Fresh cod 5c per pound. Awful cheap. 1t

FOR RENT — Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location. 11dtf F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street.



PORK 8C. CHOPS 9C. 3 LBS. 25C. GREENING'S. 72d3t

HOUSE to Let, 7 Chestnut street Enquire of MARY ANN McKERIAN, the Summit. d12,16,19

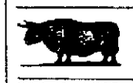
THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 78d1yOc23,98

FINE ROASTS 5c., SHOULDER LAMB 7c., LEG 12½c. EVERYTHING THE BEST FOR CASH ONLY. 73d3t GREENING'S.

LAUNDRESS Wanted at State Hospital. Steady work. 73d3t H. J. LEONARD, Steward.

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent.

Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave. and Fulton St. 78dtf



SAUSAGE 10 CTS., 3 POUNDS 25 CTS., FRESH MADE. 74d3t GREENING'S.

WANTED—By women, each with an infant or young child, situations in the country (general housework, plain cooking, etc.) Small wages expected. Apply State Charities Aid Association, 105 East Twenty-second street, New York city. 74d1mo Mch17&sw3m May17dh

UNTIL the end of March, '98, I shall do shoe repairing at the following prices: Men's soling from 40c up, ladies' 25c up, children's 20c up. I make a specialty of rubber soling. CRAIG, the Shoemaker, 39 W. Main street.

FOR Rent from April 1st—House and barn, 16 Broad street, house containing nine rooms, modern improvements, in first class order. FRANK CRAWFORD, 15 West Main street. d17,19 21

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No. 8. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 56 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer 124 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 15. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

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I. D. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer. Lady assistant. Telephone 168, Middletown, N. Y. 40 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. 48 Great Jones street, New York.

HOW TO MAKE MONEY!

If you are out of employment and want a good position, paying you from $50 to $100 monthly, clear above expenses, by working regularly; or, if you want to increase your present income from $200 to $500 yearly, by working at odd times, write the GLOBE CO., 723 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., stating age, whether married or single, last or present employment, and you can secure a position with them by which you can make more money easier and faster than you ever made before in your life. sw3m Feb2

New Things for Spring!

New Neckwear! All the New Colors! All the New Shapes! All at New Prices!

NEW HATS FOR SPRING!

New styles and new colors. We guarantee all our hats, and if one does not prove satisfactory to the buyer, return it to us and we will give you a new hat for it without having any further talk about it. Every hat sold by us is from 25 to 50c less in price for same quality than any other dealer charges.

Special in Men's Socks!

Mixed ½ Hose, regular 10c quality, special 5c a pair. Men's Socks, plain colors, special 3c a pair. A 50c Unlaundered Shirt at 38c. Linen bosom, linen neck band, reinforced front and back, endless facings, full body, any length sleeves, special 38c each.

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Look for it when you buy Clothing.

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HORSE COVERS AND APRONS.

We Carry a First-class Line of Oiled Horse Covers and Rubber Carriage Robes.

JOHN T. OGDEN & SON, 40 W. Main St.

Proposals for Supplies.

Proposals for supplying the Middletown State Homeopathic Hospital with meats and milk for the six months beginning April 1st and ending Sept. 30th, will be received till noon of March 10th. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Hospital. 73eodtoMch9 H. J. LEONARD Steward.

WANTED—Upright and faithful gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in New York Monthly $65 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. E., Chicago. 43d30t

PROF. WM. H. SAGENDORF, Clairvoyant, will remain permanently located at WM. S. ROE'S, 37 James street, Middletown, N. Y.

Cottage Hotel Entertainments.

WEEK OF FEB. 14.

Harry C. Perkins, original Irish Napoleon and character song and dance artist: Irene Hernandez, Southern nightingale; Daisy Linden, serio-comic; Edith Pierson, song and dance.

P. S. Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show. Cars leave for Middletown at 1 a. m., and Goshen at 12:30.

FREEDOM Cooking Range, size 8. Dochash grate with copper tank; Oneko cooking range, size 7, both in first-class condition; oak extension table 8 feet, all cheap at the EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street

GRAIN, FEED, HAY—Large stock, low prices. 18Wed,Sat1 VANFLEET'S New Feed Store.

STOCK TAKING HAS SHOWN

Us that we have too many goods in many lines. Greatly reduced prices is the only way to thin them out, so we have cut deep into prices to turn the stock into money. No woman who wants to save money can afford to miss this sale of seasonable goods. We never advertise goods we do not have. Always sell reliable goods at the lowest prices any can name.

Below we give a few of the many low prices we are giving at this clearing sale.

25 Children's Grey Mackintoshes, with full capes. Every one warranted. Every school girl should have one. Sizes 44 to 50. The regular price $1.98. At this sale $1.29.

16 Misses' Navy Blue Diagonal Cloth Mackintoshes, full sweep capes, the regular price was $2.50. At this sale $1.79.

11 Ladies' Navy and Black Diagonal Cloth Mackintoshes, full sweep capes. Former price $3 50. As long as they last $1.98.

16 Ladies' Navy Blue Twilled Cloth Mackintoshes, double texture, velvet collar, double capes. Every one warranted. Sold all over the world for $5. At this sale $3.98.

10 Ladies' Navy and Black Mackintoshes, full sweep capes. The former price was $4. To close them out we have made the price $2 98.

720 pairs Ladies' Black Seamless 15c Hose, "sold as seconds," high spliced heel. As long as they last 10c a pair. None sold to dealers.

27 Ladies' Odd Wrappers. Some are dark, others are very light, a few flannelette and satteens in the lot. All to go at 49c.

Ladies' Corset Covers from our special sale, at 15, 19, 25c. No such values in any other store.

440 yards 10c Outing Cloth, all dainty colorings. Couldn't be bought in any wholesale house for less than 8c per yard. For this sale 6c a yd.

73 pairs Ladies' Lisle Thread Hose, in all colors and dainty stripes, plain and drop stitch. The former price was 50 and 75c. To close them out we have marked them all 25c.

Ladies' Cotton Eider Down Wrappers, extra well made, all cut extra wide. Sold from $1.98 to $2.48. To close them out all to go at $1.50. None exchanged.

Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers, made with box pleated back, tight fitting. Come in either navy blue, stripes or black and white polka dots. Sold all season at 98c. As long as they last 79c.

731 yards of Black Figured Sateen, in black and white and dainty colorings, all in dress lengths of 9, 10, 11 or 12 yards. The former price was 15c. To close it out all to go at 10c a yard.

600 pairs Men's Grey Mixed Seamless 10c Socks. Every man who wears such socks ought to buy a dozen—70c per dozen or 4 pairs for 25c. None sold to dealers.

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